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LONDON, Feb. 20.
Vienna's municipal houses, in which the Socialists have been resisting the Government forces, are not, as some reports suggest, humble dwellings being gratuitously destroyed by brutal fascists.

On the contrary, they rather resemble political fortresses, both from their solid construction and the entirely Socialist character of their inmates.

Since 1919 the Vienna Council, with its Socialist majority, has built great tenement blocks like the Karl Marx Hof regardless of expense.

The building programme was aided by means of a special municipal tax ranging from 8s 8d to 21,500 per annum on every person who occupies a dwelling-house within the city boundaries.

AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS' ARMS
Since the Austrian civil strife broke out many people must have wondered how the Socialist forces have managed to acquire such considerable armaments.

Yesterday I was told a story which may throw some light on this. My informant, an astute observer of Austrian politics, maintained that these munitions have come from Czechoslovakia.

The railways from Prague and Pilsen, where one great armament firm has its factories, join to enter Austrian territory at Gmund. Running through the northeastern corner of Austria, the line returns to Czechoslovakia at Bratislava.

According to my informant's story, cases containing munitions consigned to eastern destinations have been entering Austria at Gmund under seal. They have been leaving at Bratislava also sealed—but empty.

THE ROYAL GARDENER
The thorough way in which the Prince of Wales takes up any sport or hobby which interests him has so often been noted that I am not surprised to learn that he has recently become a patron of the Rhododendron Society.

During the past year he has become increasingly fascinated by his garden at Fort Belvedere. Until the Prince went into residence there he had never had a garden of his own.

The previous occupant, Sir Malcolm Murray, had somewhat naturally gone to no expense in the matter of reclaiming the garden from Windsor Forest and not until the Prince went there was any ambitious garden planning attempted.

I am told that the work is advancing most promisingly. The Prince is devoting every spare moment to it, and is becoming most knowledgeable. At the present time he is particularly occupied with rhododendron problems.

Some of his friends will regret his new preoccupation on one score. It has taken full precedence over golf as his leisure pursuit. Indeed, I believe he has not touched a club for over three months.

Lack of the practice to which he has devoted much time in the past must inevitably weaken his chances of achieving his ambition to win the Parliamentary Golf Handicap—an ambition which came near to realisation last year.

SERVICE MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE

An addition to the very large number of Service members in the present House of Commons is made by the arrival of Lt.-Cmdr. R. L. Tufnell, the new Conservative member for Cambridge, who took his seat yesterday. In all there are 131 M. P.'s who have held rank in the forces—and still use their Service titles.

The Army has provided the House with 117 ex-officer M. P.'s, including six brigadiers, a major-general, and a lieutenant-general.

In the event of Sir Roger Keyes being successful at Portsmouth next week, he would thus head the Naval Parliamentary list.

THE "HUNGER MARCHERS"

The L.C.C. elections three weeks hence will not be facilitated by the presence of the 2,000 "hunger marchers" now converging on the capital. Last year it took three weeks to effect their return to their homes, and then there was no special political attraction to keep them here. Their accommodation, during their stay, cost the London ratepayers £800—a figure which takes no account of the cost of policing their activities and those of the London hooligans who joined forces with them.

The Communist organisers are boasting that they will organise 100,000 London workers to join in the demonstrations next week-end, and in their propaganda are using events in Austria to incite their followers to violence.

Despite these circumstances there is no power to spare London the inconvenience and expense of accommodating these visitors.

A RAILWAY "INNOVATION"
One of the railway companies has recently announced as an innovation the provision of a typist's office on the train for the use of business men.

Yet I have before me a picture, taken in February, 1910, of Miss Tarrant typing for business men on the "City to City" express of the London and North-Western Railway.

About seventy passengers travelled on the train between Wolverhampton, Birmingham and London, and several of the passengers—states my record—availed themselves of Miss Tarrant's shorthand and typing services.

No smoking was allowed in "the office," shorthand notetaking cost 2s 6d an hour, transcription 2d per 72 words, and typing, with carbon copy, 3s an hour stationery being provided by the railway company.

All the letters were ready for the post when London was reached.

STRATOSPHERE BALLOON

Bursts At Height Of
Nearly 11 Miles

Moscow, March 13.
The new envelope of the automatic stratosphere balloon which is to be used shortly by Soviet scientists for another attempt on the existing height record was tested a second time near Leningrad to-day.

The balloon reached a height of nearly eleven miles and then burst.

A parachute with a number of scientific instruments attached had previously been released from the balloon, but it has not been found. It is thought that the parachute descended either in Finland or in Ladoga Lake.

During the ascent of the robot-balloon the automatic wireless installation aboard transmitted information regarding the temperature, the atmospheric pressure and the humidity of the air.

The temperature at the maximum height reached was 55 degrees below zero.—Reuter.

WHISTLER'S "MASTER SMITH"

The subject of Whistler's "Master Smith of Lyme Regis" has long outlived the artist.

Samuel Govier, who was Whistler's sister, is now in his seventy-ninth year. He celebrated his golden wedding this week at Lyme Regis where for sixty years before him his father was master blacksmith.

It is many years since London saw this famous picture, painted in 1895, and one of the most vigorous and most satisfying of Whistler's gallery of portraits. It hangs in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, U.S.A.

ODDS AT BRIDGE

From time to time the statisticians attack the problems inherent in a pack of playing cards. The latest assessor of the odds on various combinations is an American, Prof. Woodruff.

According to this mathematician's calculations, the odds against a player holding thirteen trumps is 166,753,000,000 to 1.

Accepting his estimate that there are 10,000,000 bridge players in the United States, an instance of the all-trump hand should occur only once in three years, even if every one of those players played fifteen hands a day throughout the year.

But Prof. Woodruff's calculations are based on the assumption of the perfect shuffle, hardly ever achieved by hand-shuffle at the bridge table.

GEN. GOERING, ANIMAL LOVER

General Goering, the Prussian Premier, who treats his human opponents so drastically, has nevertheless one very tender spot in his composition—a remarkable love of animals.

He has just introduced legislation which imposes severe penalties for cruelty to animals that are to be found in any other country.

He has also, in a country where vivisection has been widely practised, instituted greater restrictions than exist in Britain.

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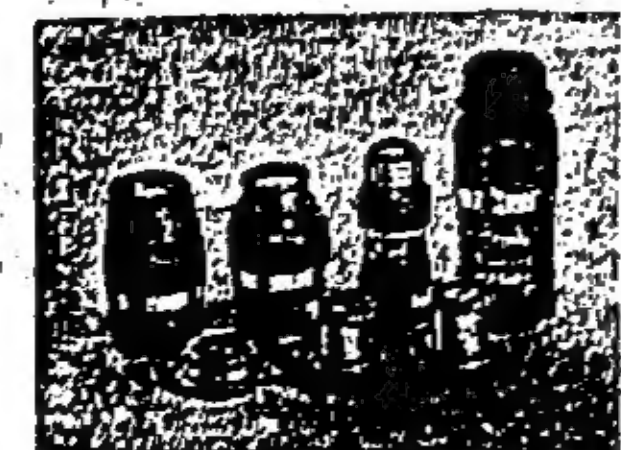
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A SILVER POLISHER

A few odd silver things, such as egg spoons and cruet, tarnish quickly and have to be polished more frequently than the rest of the table silver. It is convenient to keep a specially prepared leather always at hand for rubbing up these things. Choose a soft new washleather, sprinkle it all over with plate powder of

some good make, and rub the powder into the leather until it is thoroughly impregnated. Then shake the leather to remove any superfluous powder. An even more convenient polisher may be made by trimming the edges of a piece of washleather, treating it with powder in the manner described, and stitching it into a backing of oil baize—Lancaster cloth.

Perfect Pancakes

So much has already been written about pancakes and their numerous manifestations that it is a little difficult to find anything new. Here, however, are three recipes which might be tried.

Make some pancakes in the usual way, but very thin, and spread each with some thick puree of pears flavoured with vanilla. Fold each pancake in four and arrange them all on a dish, sprinkle them with sugar and glaze them quickly with a salamander, or under the gas-grill. Then pour over some curacao, and set it alight, as you bring the dish to the table.

For the second recipe you will want a little Armagnac, which you must add to the uncooked batter with a little orange-flower water. Make your pancakes as thin as possible, and when cooked sprinkle them with fine sugar, roll them up, and serve them as they are on a long dish.

The third is simpler. Make your pancake batter, and cut some peeled and cored apples in the thinnest slices possible. Mix these with the batter and cook the pancakes in the usual way, powdering them with sugar on serving.

The apple-slices must be very thin indeed—as thin as paper—or they will not be cooked in the same time as the batter. This sweet can be improved if the slices of apple are first soaked for a little while in apple-brandy, which some know as Calvados, and others as Apple-Jack.

HINTS FOR COOK

When adding eggs to the cake mixture, make sure they are fresh. Break them separately into a cup first; one musty egg will spoil the whole cake.

Tripe and tomatoes cooked in a casserole with some stock makes a savoury dish and a change from the usual tripe and onions.

To blanch almonds for cakes plunge them into a bowl of boiling water for a few minutes. Drain off and pour cold water over them. Leave for five minutes, then rub briskly in a coarse towel to remove the softened skins.

Breakfast for the young child usually should consist of fruit cereal, toast with butter and milk. A strip or two of bacon cooked crisp and drained of fat may be served occasionally. There is no objection to eggs for the child's breakfast now and then on days when he is not having egg for dinner or supper.

Making and Baking A Cake

was the cake-heavy, or did the fruit fall to the bottom? Here are some hints which will help readers who have difficulties in cake baking.

Whether you rub the fat into the flour, or cream the sugar and butter, it is most important to have the best quality flour and it must be dry. Damp flour will spoil a cake.

Flour, baking powder and salt should always be rubbed through a sieve before adding them to the other ingredients.

All ingredients should be carefully weighed or measured. It is easy to misjudge when guessing. Carefully greased and lined tins are worth the extra trouble.

See that the oven is hot to receive the cake, avoid draughts and never bang the oven door.

Use a wooden spoon for mixing, and if dried fruits are used, rub it in a little flour before adding it to the mixture. Cherries especially, as these are inclined to fall to the bottom.

Once the cake is in the oven, do not open the door for at least fifteen minutes, and do not attempt to move the cake whilst the mixture is still soft.

Is It Done?

If the cake browns too quickly, gently place some folds of grease-proof paper over the top.

To test if it is cooked through, stick a warmed skewer down the middle. If it comes out quite clean, the cake is done, but if it is sticky, let the cake remain in the oven a little longer.

It is a good plan to leave it in the tin for a few minutes before turning it on to a wire rack to cool. The cake will shrink and you will be sure of turning it out without breaking.

Have the oven ready to receive the cake. Don't make the cake and keep it waiting for the oven to heat, or you will never get good results.

CAKES FOR TEA

When well made these cakes are light and digestible and certain to be popular with young and old. Break four eggs into a bowl, beat thoroughly, and add five ounces of castor sugar which has been sifted and warmed. Place the bowl over a pan which contains boiling water and lightly whisk the contents for ten minutes. Remove the bowl from the heat and whisk for a further ten minutes. Sift in five ounces of Simpson's flour which has been

The Convalescent Child

Convalescence in children is often harder to handle than the illness which "went before it," partly because there are no longer such definite rules to be followed and partly because children, like grown-ups, are always inclined to be "difficult" when they are getting better. Anyone who has tried for days on end to amuse a convalescing five-year-old knows that it may easily prove much more tiring than nursing him was, as well as much less satisfactory from the point of view of results.

The proper handling of convalescence is immensely important; one needs to be so sensible and neither try to hurry the business nor acquiesce in letting it drag on for ever. With a child it is mostly a question of going slow so as to guard against relapse, while endeavouring at the same time to let each day show some return to the normal, some relinquishing of the habits of illness. The "habit" difficulty is a real one. Small children get into the way of things with amazing quickness, and because while they were ill they have had to be washed and fed are likely on recovery to refuse to wash and dress themselves. In the same way, having grown accustomed to constant light, fire, and attendance, they will object strongly to the removal of these amenities.

On the whole, however, they have to be kept back, since they are even less capable than grown-ups of judging what their recovered strength is equal to. It is not an uncommon thing to find a child really ill one day and apparently all right the next. One says how surprisingly quickly he has picked up, and it is true up to a point, but it is as well to realise that he may go down again equally quickly. His sudden recovery is a spectacular triumph of mind over matter, but it needs a good deal of patient effort to establish it as a permanency, writes I. M. C. in the "Manchester Guardian."

Games

The thing to do is to insist on a routine which includes considerable, though lessening, periods of rest, and at the beginning only the briefest periods of being "up." After severe illness the convalescing child is bound to be long, and special provision must be made for play in bed. Some kind of bed-table will be necessary and a steady bedside table of suitable height as well. With these, building becomes a possible occupation, the "brickbox" being at the side and the work in progress on the bed-table.

With a five-year-old, it would be unreasonable to forbid messy pursuits just because they have to happen in bed. At the risk of soiled sheets one must, I am sure, allow plasticine, scraps, bubbles, even painting—certain precautions being taken for the avoidance of accidents, such as the stipulation that no water shall ever stand actually on the bed. On these occasions some form of top and bottom draw-sheet is a good scheme and an "overall" pillow-slip.

Food is the great problem. Contrary to what one might expect, a child's appetite is, as a rule, not easy to tempt. He is inclined to be suspicious of unfamiliar dishes, however attractively got up, and unless really hungry, will accept only what he has been accustomed to regard as a treat, which, unfortunately, except in the case of fruit, will probably be something indigestible. For instance, he will attempt chocolate biscuits or cream buns or other "party" food just from habit, though he may be unable to eat them.

Only things which are actually nourishing should be given, so that none of the effort of eating is expended uselessly. All ordinary sugar, for example, both in cooking and for use with pudding or fruit, could be replaced by glucose, and no biscuits given unless of a quality to insure that they have real food value. Similarly, soups and gravies should be packed with "goodness," so that the interest of them counts for something. Variety is of the first importance, and any definite aversion, even to milk, must be respected.

thoroughly dried and slightly warmed; add a few drops of vanilla, almond, or lemon flavouring, or the finely grated rind of half a lemon, and a pinch of baking powder. Bake in small greased tins in a moderate oven for about fifteen minutes. When cold a little of the cake may be cut off the top and some whipped cream or jelly inserted, or they may be cut in halves and sandwiched with jam.

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KEDGEREE VARIATIONS

Here are two more recipes for Kedgerree. The first one is for an Indian dish of Fish Khichree, as it is called. Mix a quarter of a pound of boiled waxy potatoes, two hard-boiled eggs chopped fine, and a cupful of boiled rice. Season with salt and plenty of pepper. Melt a couple of ounces of butter in a pan and, before it liquefies, add half a teaspoonful of milk. Add the fish mixture to this, and stir quickly till it heats through. Note that the potatoes should not be mashed.

The other is for the French Cadgerie de poisson. Melt some butter in a stewpan or casserole, and put into it a chopped onion and let it brown very lightly. Add some unwashed rice (half a handful for each person), and cook it, stirring it now and then, till it assumes a very light colour and becomes opaque.

Four in about enough water or stock to cover it; put on the lid, and after it has come to the boil, leave it in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes, when it should be cooked and the stock absorbed.

Now make a white sauce, seasoned with salt, pepper and nutmeg, with a little chopped parsley. When the sauce is ready add the flaked fish, the chopped up hard-boiled eggs, and season with a little cayenne or a good pinch of curry powder.

Now put half the rice in a deep dish or timbale, and spread on it half the fish, eggs and sauce. Cover again with the rest of the rice, and on this put what remains of the fish mixture. Serve quickly before it has time to lose its heat, which it may do very rapidly.

SADDLE OF HARE

This dish is of no use to those who cannot afford the time for basting, or, as a preliminary, for larding. But it is well worth the trouble, and should appear on our table at least once a year.

Cut the saddle out of the hare, and shorten the ribs so that the joint stands firmly in the baking-dish. Lard generously the filets—that is, the meat on each side of the backbone—with fat bacon. There ought really to be "two strips on each side for every inch."

Now put it into the pan on top of two bay-leaves, a spring of thyme (or a good pinch of powdered thyme), and a couple of cloves. For convenience in making the sauce, these should be tied in a muslin bag.

Cover the saddle with good slices of fat bacon, and roast it in the oven for about half an hour, according to the age and size of the hare. Be particularly careful to baste it every five minutes, so as to ensure its tenderness. Then pour over it half a pint of cream, and baste with this once or twice for five minutes longer.

Dish the saddle, and pour over it the rich coffee-coloured cream sauce, which you have mixed well together, after removing the herbs.

Some like to serve cranberry jelly with this, which is perhaps more suitable than the usual red currant. When I was given this dish the other day it was accompanied by a purée of chestnuts, which might well be remembered.

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A SIMPLE OMELET

Nothing could be simpler or more delicious than a well made omelet and to be successful it does not have to be of the Souffle variety. The ordinary French omelet requires little beating.

Tomato omelet makes a satisfactory meal when one wishes to dispense with meat. Try this easy recipe for yourself—

3 eggs; 2 tablespoons water, 1 oz. butter, 2 medium sized tomatoes. Seasoning to taste.

Cover the tomatoes with boiling water and in 2 or 3 minutes peel them and cut them in pieces, removing the stalk and most of the seeds. Put them into a small saucepan with about half the butter, pepper, salt and, if liked, a pinch of mixed herbs. Simmer over a gentle heat for 10 or 12 minutes or until soft and pulpy.

To make the omelet, break the eggs into a basin, add the water, pepper and salt, and beat them up lightly with a fork. Melt the remainder of the butter in an omelet pan, and when sizzling hot pour in the eggs. Break them up with the back of the fork until they begin to set, then slip a pliable knife round the sides, and tilt the pan so that the liquid part runs underneath. Do not over-cook the omelet, but as soon as possible roll it up in the form of a bolster using the knife, and slip it quickly on to a very hot dish. Pour the tomato mixture round or over it. To make a more substantial dish serve a few rashers of fried or grilled bacon with the omelet.

COFFEE AND BANANAS SWEET FOR THREE

Three bananas, one gill cream, strawberry jam, dessertspoonful coffee essence, two eggs, two dessertspoonful castor sugar, one and a half teaspoonful gelatine.

Separate the yolks from whites of eggs. Beat yolks and sugar together till they become too stiff to work. Mix in the coffee essence. Beat egg whites to a very stiff froth, and mix into the beaten yolk. Melt gelatine in a little warm water, beat this into the egg mixture, and continue to beat until it begins to set. Turn into a moistened mould and leave in a cold place to set.

Halve the skinned bananas length-ways, and scoop out with a teaspoon a deep groove down the centre of each portion. Fill half the groove with whipped cream and half with strawberry jam. Stick the bananas together and arrange them round the coffee sponge when it has been turned on to the serving dish. Decorate the sweet with the remains of the whipped cream.

TIFFIN DISHES

"Have you tried Boudinnettes of Cold Veal? You can make them with any cold meat, really, but if veal is not used you must omit the lemon."

Required:

Half a pound of cold veal.
Half a pound of cold boiled potatoes.
Two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley.
Two teaspoonfuls of chopped onion.
One teaspoonful of salt.
One teaspoonful of grated lemon rind.
Half a teaspoonful of pepper.

Chop the meat finely, or put it through a mincing machine. Rub the potatoes through a sieve. Mix together the meat, potatoes, parsley, onion, and lemon rind. Season to taste. Beat up and add the yolk, and, if necessary, a little stock or milk. Smooth the mixture evenly on a plate, mark it with a knife into equal divisions. Work each division into a pretty shape. Brush them over with beaten egg and cover them with crumbs. Fry them in plenty of frying fat from which a bluish smoke is rising. When a golden brown, drain them on paper and serve on a hot dish garnished with a little parsley.

Saute Kidneys in cases.

Required:

Three or more sheep's kidneys.
One ounce and a half of margarine.
Half an ounce of flour.
One gill of brown sauce.
One teaspoonful of chopped parsley.
Salt and pepper.
A small piece of onion.
Thin slices of bread.
A little ketchup or Worcester sauce.

Skin and core the kidneys and slice them very thinly. Sprinkle them with salt and pepper. Chop the onion finely. Melt the margarine in a small pan, put in the onion and fry it a golden brown. Next add the kidneys and cook gently for about five minutes then put in the flour, stir it over the heat and add the sauces. When it boils, draw the pan to the side of the stove and let it simmer gently for five minutes. The slices of bread must fit some small ramekin cases, lay them a golden brown, put one at the bottom of each case, fill up with the kidney mixture. Sprinkle a few browned crumbs and chopped parsley on each and serve as hot as possible.

Ham Savouries

A delicious course, quick to make, to add to dull meal.
Cut six rounds of bread, about three inches in diameter. Melt four tablespoonfuls of butter, and dip each round in butter and then in grated cheese. Place plain side down on a buttered dish, add a slice of ham, and cover with another piece of the bread with the grated cheese side next the ham. Brush top of each savoury with melted butter, bake in oven till delicately brown (about ten minutes), and serve with tomato sauce.

SPINACH AU GRATIN

Spinach is such a delicious vegetable that we should seek other ways of preparing it than en branche or a la creme. To cook it au gratin is a pleasant change.

Lightly brown some butter in a pan, and toss your cooked and well drained spinach in it. Add a little grated cheese and cook for a short while longer, then arrange the spinach in a fireproof dish which you have first buttered well. Sprinkle plenty of grated cheese over it, and then melted butter, and brown it in the oven.

A somewhat similar fashion makes an excellent light luncheon dish. Cook the spinach, pass it through a sieve, and season it. Add the beaten yolks of three or four eggs (according to the amount of spinach) and also some grated cheese. Put it all into a buttered fireproof dish and scatter over it some fine flakes of cheese. Brown it in the oven.

When the browning is half complete arrange round the spinach a circle of poached eggs which have been masked with Bechamel sauce mixed with grated cheese. Let all finish browning, and on serving pour round the dish a well-seasoned tomato sauce.

A Simple Dinner Menu for Four

Tomato Soup

Half-pint milk, half-pint water, half-cupful breadcrumbs, one small onion, half-pound tomatoes, half-teaspoonful sugar, one ounce butter, pinch bicarbonate soda.

Put milk, water and crumbs into a pan, add the onion stuck with a couple of cloves, a sprig of parsley, and a bay leaf. Heat slowly and cook until the liquid is well seasoned. Strain, and rub through a sieve. Skin the tomatoes, crush them, and cook with the sugar and butter for a quarter of an hour. Sprinkle in the bicarbonate of soda, and rub through a sieve. Add the tomato puree to the milk mixture with more milk if necessary, re-heat, season to taste, and serve with crisp toast.

Chicken Moulds

Use one and a half breakfast-cupful finely chopped cooked chicken, half cupful chopped cooked ham, small teaspoonful breadcrumbs, two beaten eggs, half pint milk, tablespoonful melted butter, tablespoonful flour, small chopped onion, and seasonings of powdered sage, pepper and salt. Mix these ingredients well together, and divide into four small buttered moulds. Bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes, setting the moulds in a pan containing a little boiling water to prevent burning.

Chocolate Pudding

Soak one and a half cupful breadcrumbs in two and a half cupful milk for ten minutes. Add two beaten eggs and two tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate melted in warm milk. Stir well, and add a pinch of salt and half a cupful of chopped seedless raisins. Turn into a buttered mould and steam gently for two or three hours.

Serve with whipped cream.

Cheese-paste Savouries

Two eggs, one and a half ounces Gruyere cheese, four ounces puff paste, two ounces butter.

Roll the paste thin and cut it into two pieces of equal size. Beat together two egg-yolks and one egg-white, stir in the grated Parmesan and Gruyere, the melted butter, seasonings of salt and pepper, and a dash of cayenne. Mix to a paste, spread this on one half of the pastry, cover with the other half, cut into "fingers," brush with the remaining egg-white, and cook in the oven for ten minutes. Pile on a hot entree dish and garnish with parsley.

NIGGER'S HEAD

This is an amusing and decorative sweet. Make some cream of rice flavoured with vanilla, and let it get cool. Mix in a couple of tablespoonfuls of thick cream, put it all into a water-rinsed pudding basin, and let it get cold.

Turn it out, and mask it with a chocolate sauce, which you can make by melting three ounces of grated chocolate with a spoonful of warm water and a piece of butter the size of an egg. When this is cold, whip up some cream stiffly, and arrange it like a turban on the Tete de Negre.

SMILE AWHILE

Jones was nothing if not gallant, but he always said the wrong thing. Mrs. Brown, who was exactly the same age as her husband but would not admit it, was entertaining some friends Jones among them.

"My husband is 40," she was saying. "You wouldn't believe it, but there's actually 10 years difference in our ages."

"Impossible!" interposed Jones, anxious to say something agreeable. "I'm sure you look quite as young as he does."



YOUNG BEETROOT

Cooked when not quite fully grown the beetroot is more delicate in taste than when it has attained its full size and those who have this vegetable growing in their gardens might do worse than dig up a few roots now. Of course, it is wise to leave a fair supply in the ground for future use, but young beets cook so much more quickly than old ones that to economise in fuel, if for no other reason, it is a good idea to use while quite young.

To prepare the beetroot for table remove the stalk without cutting too near the root, wash carefully, put into a saucepan of boiling water, cover, and cook till the skin will come off easily. If required as a hot vegetable quickly remove the skin and serve whole lightly coated with good white-sauce. But if the beetroot is to be used cold peel when cool, cut into thin rounds, arrange in a glass dish, sprinkle with a suspension of fine white sugar, add a few drops of vinegar, and leave for a short time before serving. Those who like pickled beetroot should make this relish now. Bake the washed beets in a moderate oven till tender, allow to cool, remove stalk, cut into rounds half an inch thick, and put into jars. Take sufficient malt vinegar to cover the prepared beetroot, boil up with small quantities of salt, grated horseradish, whole black pepper and allspice, leave till cold, and then strain over the beetroot. Cover and tie down.

Salmon with Mushrooms

Melt the butter in the casserole, and in it cook the salted and peppered salmon, turning it once during the cooking.

It is impossible to give a time for this, as it depends on the size of the cutlet, but you must arrange so that you can add to the salmon, and let them cook with it, half a pound or so of peeled and quartered mushrooms just at the time which will allow for their being finished at the same time as the fish.

Take fish and mushrooms out, keep them warm on a dish, pour some cream into the casserole, and let it boil for a few minutes so as to thicken. Then pour it over the cutlet, and you will have something amazingly good, if, a little rich.

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FASTING AFTER FEASTING

By A Woman Doctor

There is much to be said in favour of the old custom of regular fasting. In fact all religions throughout the ages have advocated fasting in one form or other at certain times and seasons. The principle of fasting no doubt had its origin in the old Moslem law but this had nothing to do with religious exercises and was a purely hygienic rule for safeguarding the general health of the community. Unfortunately to-day we have lost sight of that, valuable point.

If each of us conformed always to a proper dietary, there would be little or no need to talk about fasting, but this ideal state of affairs is almost impossible of realisation in our modern state of civilisation. We are constantly, though often unwittingly, demanding of our digestive system a great deal too much work. This is especially the case at holiday times, and so, if we are wise, we follow a season of feasting with a period of rest, if not of actual fasting.

Light, easily assimilated meals which give the digestive organs as little as possible to do should be the order of the day. When such a course is followed it will be found that there are fewer ill-effects from over-indulgence in rich foods. There is no need to be a "kill-joy" and to abstain at all times from the good things of life. It is simply a matter of using commonsense, and in this instance of balancing the feasting with a reasonable amount of fasting afterwards.

A day's starvation will never harm the normal, healthy man, woman or child; in most cases it will be found beneficial. But

GALANTINE OF BEEF

Ingredients.—1 lb. raw steak, 1 lb. bacon ends, 1 tea-cup white crumbs, liquid to bind, pepper, salt.

Use "ends of bacon" for this dish, or scraps of cold tongue, spiced beef, or pickled pork may be used instead. If none of these flavoursome additions are available, use a small tin of meat paste. Cooked beef, mutton, or veal may be used instead of fresh meat, but in that case a beaten egg must be used to bind, mince the beef and bacon, put into a basin, along with the crumbs, a good dust of pepper, and a little salt (the bacon will supply almost all the salt necessary). Moisten to a stiff ball with water, stock, gravy, sauce, or a little strained soup which has contained no green vegetables. Turn out on a floured board, form into a thick roll, and place on a well floured cloth. Roll up tightly, and tie the ends. Have ready a large pan, or a fish kettle in the bottom of which is an up-turned pliedish. Pour in enough boiling water to come nearly to the top of the dish, lay the galantine on the flat surface, and put on the lid. Steam steadily for 2 hours. Remove the cloth, and tie up the roll very tightly on the clean side of the cloth. Press between two plates, until perfectly cold and firm, preferably overnight. Glaze, and serve with mixed salad.

SMILE AWHILE

"If I were trying to match politeness," said the angry woman customer, glaring hard at the shop assistant, "I'd have rather a job to find it here!"
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For "Dinner At
Eight"

For sheer entertainment value it is doubtful if any motion picture has ever been devised which carries the interest, colour and excitement of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's stupendous production of "Dinner At Eight," which comes on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre.

It is easy to understand why "Dinner At Eight" achieved its long-run popularity as a stage play. Its ingenious arrangement of plot and sub-plot, its diversity of characterizations and its shrewd insight into the complex emotions which rise to undermine the happiness of marital life are matters of engrossing interest, and as presented in this arresting and always vivid photoplay, they offer the moviegoer a panorama of dramatic entertainment which leaves very little to be desired.

Even if the play were not as clever as it is, the mere spectacle of seeing so imposing an array of celebrities in one film as Marie Dressler, the two Barrymores, Wallace Beery, Jean Harlow, Lee Tracy, Edmund Lowe, Billie Burke, Madge Evans, Jean Hersholt, Karen Morley, Louise Closser Hale, Phillips Holmes and May Robson would be enough to stimulate one's cinema appetite. Moreover, the picture has been so artfully contrived that practically each and every one of these well-known Hollywood headliners has a big scene to himself.

The plot of "Dinner At Eight" is by now so well-known as to need almost no explanation. Briefly it concerns a dinner which a Park Avenue hostess gives for two members of the British nobility. The dinner itself, however, takes up but small space in the proceedings. Instead, the action is placed on what happens as the various guests receive their invitations and the respective proceedings which intervene prior to their arrival at the dinner table. One guest prevents her husband from wiping out an old business

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

HONG KONG

King's "Olsen's Big Moment"
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Oriental "Moonlight and Pretzels"

KOWLOON

Alhambra "Ladies They Talk About"
Star "Luxury Liner"
Majestic "Arrowsmith"

Coming

King's "Doctor Bull"
Queen's "Dinner at 8"
Central "The Merry Monarch"
Alhambra "King For A Night"
Star "Power and Glory"
Majestic "Week End Only"

AN EXCELLENT FILM

The Prizefighter And
The Lady

In filming the "big fight" sequences between Max Baer and Primo Carnera for "The Prizefighter and the Lady," the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer special which opened yesterday at the Queen's the sound technicians were confronted with an unprecedented problem.

The "Vast Venetian," Primo Carnera, is so tall that the microphone had to be placed two feet higher than is customarily the case, to give the giant champion enough room underneath in which to move freely about. But the microphone, placed at such an altitude, would not adequately pick up the voices of the normal-sized players.

Production was held up for several hours and one thousand extras, seated in the specially constructed stadium, kept waiting while various devices were tried and discarded. Finally it was found that the only method possible to catch every sound in the ring was to place four microphones on the floor, hidden behind each corner post, in addition to the tall "boom mike" swinging overhead.

For this same sequence a new sound device, called a directional "mike," was used. A black round metal disc, saucer-shaped, the directional microphone looks like a great klieg light without the carbons. Mounted high in a corner of the stadium, it was directed onto the prize ring and above the roaring of the crowd picked out each word spoken by the principals. Even the thud of flying gloves it recorded perfectly.

Because of the great number of spectators in this scene and their noisy enthusiasm, the sequence represented an acid test for the new device. It was used each day for more than a week and the results were reported as "eminently satisfactory."

The picture is an excellent one and while those who like a good story will appreciate the clever acting of all concerned, there must be a large number of fight fans who would perhaps not find it too monotonous to see the picture two or even three times, so good indeed are the fight scenes.

concern; another guest narrowly escapes becoming embroiled in a notorious scandal; a third guest patches up a marriage which seems on the verge of crumbling; a fourth commits suicide. The host and hostess themselves find their life verging on disaster, but resolve to start all over again by the time the dinner begins.

Of the acting in this unusual picture, one can only say that the various stars more than live up to them. The inimitable Marie Dressler offers another of her memorable performances, this time as an old-time musical comedy star. The two Barrymores, as usual, give flawless portrayals. John as a broken-down movie actor no longer able to secure parts; Lionel as the host on the verge of breakdown from overwork. Wallace Beery as an unscrupulous financier, Jean Harlow as his social-climbing wife, Lee Tracy as a breezy Broadway play gent, Edmund Lowe as a society doctor more interested in his woman patients than his wife, Billie Burke as the hostess, Madge Evans as her daughter—all act their parts with a finesse and finished sense of accuracy.

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"OLSEN'S BIG MOMENT"

To-Day At The King's

"Olsen's Big Moment," featuring El Brendel opens to-day at the King's Theatre. Walter Catlett who is a star comedian in his own right, has the principal supporting role in the film. With two such comedians playing in one picture, "Olsen's Big Moment" promises to be an uproarious laugh riot. The combination of Brendel's antics and Catlett's gags is said to give the film the distinction of being one of the funniest comedies ever released from the Fox film studios.

The story concerns itself with an apartment house janitor who becomes involved in a romance between a wealthy bachelor and a beautiful young girl who is not in love with him. The janitor's endeavours to path up the romance force him into a series of complications check-full of adventure. After participating in every possible escapable imaginable,

"DOCTOR BULL"

Coming To The King's

Will Rogers comes to the King's Theatre beginning on Sunday in his latest picture for Fox Film, "Doctor Bull." It is the screen presentation of the famous novel by James Gould Cozzens, "The Last Adam," best-seller and recent Book-of-the-Month selection. It is reported as the most powerful vehicle the popular philosopher-comedian has had on the talking screen.

The story concerns a physician in a small town who, in addition to ministering to the health of the community, acts as its unofficial father confessor. None of the

town's secrets escapes him. He knows the inner life of every one of its inhabitants. But it is not as a gossip that he finds himself interested in the private lives of the village. He is a mellow gentleman to whom everyone's reactions are an interesting bit of human document.

The film does not present the story of one character. Like "State Fair," the last of the Rogers screen plays, it deals with many characters, each typical of its kind. It is more than the story of one town. For it is the story of thousands of similar towns all over the country.

Vera Allen, star of the New York stage, has the leading feminine role opposite Rogers. Others in the cast are Marjorie Nixon, Howard Lally, Barton Churchill, Louise Dresser, Andy Devine, Rochelle Hudson, Tampe Rickett, Elizabeth Patterson, Nora Ceri, Ralph Morgan, Patsy O'Byrne Veda Buckland, Effie Ellsler and Helen Freeman.

The screen adaptation of the Cozzens novel was made by the well-known novelist and playwright, Paul Green Pulitzer, prize winner of several seasons ago, who was also responsible for the Phil Stong's "State Fair" for the screen.

"Doctor Bull" was directed by John Ford.

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TO-DAY

Thursday March 15.

Auctions—Public Roup, Race Ponies, Hongkong Jockey Club Paddock, Race Course, 5.15 p.m.

Cinemas.

King's—"Olsen's Big Moment."

Queen's—"The Prize-Fighter And The Woman."

Central—"A Cunning Fellow." (Chinese Picture).

Oriental—"Moonlight And Pretzels."

World—"Midnight Mary."

Alhambra—"Ladies They Talk About."

Majestic—"Arrowsmith."

Star—"Luxury Liner."

Entertainments.—Dramatic Plays.

Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Meetings.—Theosophical Society.

Mr. W. C. Felslow speaks on "Henry Steel Olcott," 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Claims against the Estate of Andrew Barrie Lowson, late of Chadley Woldingham, Surrey, England, due; St. Andrew's Club Discussion Class, Church Hall, 9 p.m. Subject: "Can we Believe in Miracles?"

Moon.—New Moon, 8.08 p.m. II Moon, 1st. Day.

Principal Malls.

Inward from America by Pres. Coolidge and Empress of Russia; from Europe via Suez by Ajax.

Sports.

Auctions.—Sale of Race ponies (Jockey Club Stables), 5.15 p.m.

Meetings.—Hongkong Football Association (Sports Club), 5.30 p.m.

Sunrise.—6.32 a.m. Sunset.—6.33 p.m.

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"A BEDTIME STORY"

Coming To The Queen's

Those who have seen Maurice Chevalier in his previous pictures will have something different in his latest production "A Bedtime Story" which is coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly.

A playboy who turns into an adopted father as a result of finding a baby in his car, forms the background of this highly entertaining picture, and the sequence in which he sacrifices beautiful girls for the sake of the baby are indeed amusing.

Maurice Chevalier for once discarded his mimical role which he was made famous, and gave a perfect characterisation first as a "women killer" and later as an adopted father. The supporting cast including Helen Twelvrees who acted as the nurse with whom Maurice Chevalier finally falls in love, Edward Everett Horton as his butler, Adrienne Ames and Leah Ray as the other women, gave excellent support, but special mention must be made of Baby LeRoy who gave such a fine performance that he almost stole the picture.

The story begins with Maurice Chevalier's return from a hunting trip in Africa. He is met at the station by his chauffeur, and on his way home he renews acquaintances with his former girl friends. He is "dated" by every one of the girls, but while he is paying a visit to one of them, two poor people leave their baby in his car.

On his arrival home, he is naturally surprised to find the baby, and at once telephones for the police. Before the arrival of the police, Maurice and his butler (Edward Everett Horton) are engaged in a funny situation, the latter thinking that the baby belongs to a woman whom his employer has once wronged. This, however, later proved to be untrue, and when the police arrive, Maurice, somewhat attract-

"LADIES THEY TALK ABOUT"

Barbara Stanwyck's Latest

There have been prison pictures before, but the Warner Bros. picture, "Ladies They Talk About," starring Barbara Stanwyck, which opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre, is the first to reveal life in the women's section in all its interesting phases.

The prison depicted in Barbara Stanwyck's picture is the San Quentin penitentiary of California. The story presents the actual prison experiences of the co-author, Dorothy Mackaye, the actress who was sentenced to San Quentin after the mysterious death of her husband a few years ago.

The technical advisor employed, who had also served time, was a woman of unusual intelligence, now married into prominent family who undertook the task only on condition that her name could not be revealed.

In addition to its revelation of prison life, there is a stirring romance involving the infatuation of an evangelist for an attractive though hard-boiled inmate, who had been sentenced for a bank robbery. Miss Stanwyck appears in the hand role with Preston Foster as the evangelist. Others in the cast include Lyle Talbot, Dorothy Burgess, Lillian Roth and Maude Eburne.

Carlton Miles is the co-author with Miss Mackaye on the play which was adapted for the screen by Sydney Sutherland and Brown Homes. It was directed by Howard Bretherton and William Kreighley.

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ECHOES OF 1860

18.—A Few Items Of Daily News

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We should like to know why the proceedings in such a case should not be instantaneous and summary. Delay can do no possible good and creates a great risk of the ends of justice being defeated, besides placing the plundered parties to great inconvenience and loss.

The trial of Nurse Sewjee and Company versus Russell and Company occupied the Supreme Court all day again yesterday. The defendant's evidence was got through, and Mr. Pollard, the Counsel for the Plaintiffs, address the Jury thereupon. This was close to six o'clock when the Chief Justice stated that as he had nearly a book full of notes, and as there was a large mass of correspondence to read, he should defer his summing up till ten o'clock this morning.

Our attention to this case must be the excuse for our shortcomings. We conceive it to be a matter of great importance in a mercantile point of view, involving

questions which have been bones of contention to the commercial community for many years. We therefore conceive it a paramount duty to attend it.

We suppose the meeting of the Executive Council fixed to take place to-day will be postponed.

NOTICE

Police Department

Victoria, Hong Kong

September 4, 1860.

Found by the Police early on the morning of 2nd instant, drifting in the Harbour off Wanchai, a small pleasure wherry—also, during the same day, brought by a gentleman to the Station a green Parquet.

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JAS JARMAN.

Act. Supt. of Police.

We do not know whether the man on the Peak was seeing "too much" yesterday, or whether he spied the Powerful napping in the distance, but he certainly signalled a steamer to the Eastwards and hoisted the "Fiery Cross" numbers. It may be that the steamer has run short of Coals, or has broken down and is becalmed. We cannot say, we simply state facts and leave our readers, charitable or otherwise, to draw their own conclusions.

Around the Courts

MARINE COURT CASES

Failing To Produce Licence.

Before Mr. Hosegood a Chinese boatwoman, Cheung Tai Tai, aged 45 years, of Boat No. 3786V, was charged with (a) unlawfully anchoring her boat at a distance of less than 100 yards from the Low Water Mark during prohibited hours between the Po Tak Wharf and the Ping On Wharf and (b) failing to produce the boat licence when requested by the Water Police.

The defendant pleaded guilty and told the Court that she only moored her boat to the above mentioned wharf in order to avoid a sudden strong wind, and as for the second charge, the defendant said that the boat licence was carelessly put away somewhere in her flat by her cousin, so she failed to produce it to the Water Police Officer at once when being requested.

Water Police Sergeant Robinson, who prosecuted, told His Worship that he had given nearly half an hour's time for her to search for the licence, but eventually she failed to produce it.

A small fine of \$5 or five days hard labour each was imposed.

BOATWOMAN FINED

Wong Yung Mui, aged 45 years, mistress of Cargo-Boat No. 3783V,

and three others, appeared before Mr. Hosegood at the Marine Court yesterday morning, charged with unlawfully anchoring their boats at a distance of less than 100 yards from the Low Water Mark during prohibited hours, last Tuesday evening.

All the defendants pleaded guilty and the magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or ten days hard labour on the first defendant who had been previously convicted, and \$5 or five days on the second, third and fourth defendants respectively.

FORGED NOTES

Three Months For Possessor

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. Wynne Jones, on a Chinese for being in unlawful possession of a forged Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank \$100 note and a forged Mercantile Bank \$10 note.

At a previous hearing, the \$100 note was described as an "extremely clever forgery," and it was sent to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for inspection.

Detective Sergeant Lamont produced a communication from the Bank yesterday morning testifying that the original of the number on the alleged forgery was destroyed in 1929, and that the note itself was a forgery.

TRADE MARKS CASE

Imitation of "Gardan" Tablet

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appearing before Mr. Hamilton on behalf of the proprietors of the "Gardan" trade mark, asked for leave to withdraw a summons against The Tak On Wo firm of No. 24 Bonham Road for infringement of trade mark.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendants and applied for costs.

In explaining the complainant's good faith in taking out the summons, Mr. Marton said they had used the Gardan trade mark in Hong Kong for the last five years and for some time past there were suspicious that the trade mark was being infringed in Hong Kong, Canton, Swatow and Java. Instructions were given in all these places to take out proceedings immediately on finding a party in possession of infringements. Recent cables from Java to the complainant firm implied that the proceedings had been taken out and that the defendant had stated he purchased the goods from Tak On Wo firm in Hong Kong. As a result, information was sworn by Mr. Hapsee, the local agent, but unfortunately the search of the defendant firm revealed nothing.

On defendant's premises were found some advertisements which showed conclusively that they traded with Java. They voluntarily produced two genuine packets of Gardan. The defendant in the Java prosecution was Limy Au-chi and

information as to where he had purchased the goods was obtained by the police in Batavia. Since the present summons had been taken out, infringed Gardan trademarks had been found at three different places and proceedings were being instituted.

Defence View

Mr. Lo:—I do not say that the complainant has acted in any way *male fide*, but the fact remains that the defendants had nothing to do with the infringement at all. The fact that the defendant has connections with Java, of course, does not in the least mean that they had been guilty of infringing the marks of the complainant. In all these trade mark cases, your Worship has power to award costs to the complainant or the defendant and the principle is that costs invariably is awarded to the successful party. In this case the complainant has withdrawn the summons against the defendant and I submit I have a right to costs.

Mr. Hamilton after hearing further argument by Mr. Marton adjourned the case for a week.

A KOWLOON CASE

The manager of the Kam Pin Drug Store, of No. 514, Shanghai Street, Kowloon, was summoned before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy for an infringement of the Trade Marks Ordinance in that he had in his possession, on March 8 for sale, or for the purpose of trade, medicinal tablets contained in packets bearing the "Gardan" trade mark of I.G. Farbenindustrie Aktiengesellschaft of Frankfurt-am-main, Germany, for whom the China, Export, Import, and Bank Co., are the agents in Hong Kong.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared on behalf of the complainant. Defendant said he purchased the tablets from a travelling salesman

KOWLOON SLUMS

Forty-Five Persons In One Flat

For allowing more persons to live in 108 Canton Road than allowed by law, the principal tenant was summoned before Mr. Wynne Jones yesterday.

Senior Sanitary Inspector Reid told the Court that there were 29 adults and 16 children living on the second floor, and 24 adults and 11 children on the third. Both these floors were entitled to have only 13 adults altogether, two children counting as one adult.

The principal tenant of the second floor paid \$25 in rent, and collected \$25.50 from her subtenants. The principal tenant of the third floor paid \$24 and collected \$22.50.

When he visited the premises, Inspector Reid went on, he found some of the children lying on the floor, some under the beds and others all over the place. The floors were far too crowded. The Sanitary Department was aware of the overcrowded condition of some of the houses in Kowloon, but only in the worst cases was action taken.

His Worship:—It is not that there is a shortage of houses on this side of the harbour!

Inspector Reid.—No, your Worship. There are plenty of vacant houses over here.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on each defendant.

and he could not tell whether the tablets found in his shop were genuine "Gardan" or not.

His Worship, however, pointed out that the onus was on the defendant to prove that he had taken all reasonable precaution to satisfy himself of the genuineness of the articles.

Defendant said he had been buying "Gardan" tablets before from the same salesman, and he had no reason to suspect that the tablets were not the genuine article.

Mr. Kurt Haase, assistant manager of the China Export, Import and Bank Co., then gave evidence showing the difference between the genuine tablets and the alleged imitation. He said the "Gardan" mark was registered in Hong Kong about five years ago.

The hearing was adjourned until Friday morning.

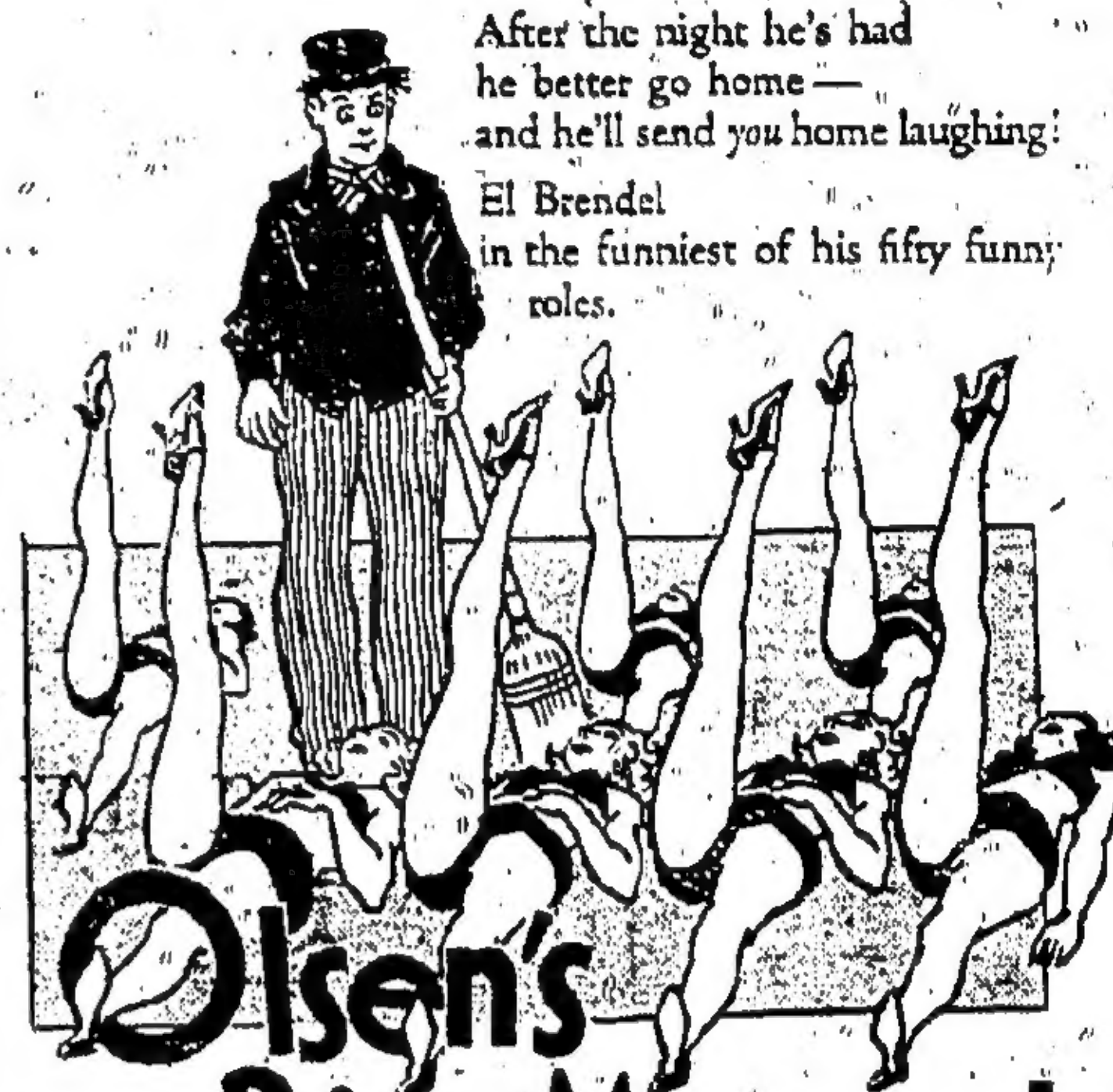
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COMPANY MEETINGS

ELECTRIC COMPANY MEETING

SATISFACTORY YEAR REVIEWED BY CHAIRMAN

May Be Necessary To Call Up Un-Issued Capital

A very successful year's work was reviewed by the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Limited held yesterday.

The Chairman said that looking to the future, there was every indication of considerable expansion in the Company's power load, but he did not anticipate any appreciable increase in lighting for some time to come.

It was also stated that the Company may have to call up its unissued capital.

Secunder's Congratulations

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, Kt., Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, Mr. J. P. Warren (Directors), and Mr. J. Douglas Butcher (Manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. N. M. Currie, J. H. R. Hance, Law See, A. W. Hughes (representing Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), Fung-Kong Un, Frank Austin (representing A. J. David), W. J. Keswick, A. Stevenson, Kwok Kam Hang, B. Wong Tape, C. A. L. Rickett, W. H. Choy, F. L. Brown, Chua Seng Choo, Li Tse Fong, Leung Fattin, Lo Kai Wing, H. R. Forsyth (representing Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Chartered Accountants Auditors) and J. M. Jack.

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—The report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1933, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission I will take them as read.

The net profit after providing for Depreciation is \$1,884,356.55, and with the sum of \$158,622.94 brought forward from last account, we have a sum of \$2,042,979.49 for appropriation, and with this we propose:—

To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share absorbing \$1,125,000.00
To pay a cash bonus of \$0.50 per share absorbing 225,000.00
To place to Reserve 500,000.00
To carry forward to next account 191,479.49

In spite of a difficult year your Directors are pleased to be able once again to present a satisfactory Balance Sheet, and I trust our recommendations relative to appropriations from the balance standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account will meet with your approval.

The continued and steady annual increase in the units sold must be a source of great satisfaction to all concerned. Another matter calling for favourable comment is that the installation of modern and up-to-date machinery has enabled the Power Station to generate nearly 24 million more units with a decrease in the fuel consumption of no less than 2,550 tons of coal.

The figure provided for Depreciation is slightly less than that allocated for this purpose last year. This is due to the fact that special provision was made in previous years for the complete writing off of low pressure plant and switchgear. No change in the usual generous scale of depreciation has been made.

Investments
You will notice a considerable increase in the amount of investments. Your Directors have followed the principle of investing a portion of idle funds in approved local shares, and a corresponding increase appears under the heading of income from this source. These funds would otherwise be lying in the Bank earning a very nominal rate of interest per annum, and I think this policy should be extended as found necessary.

The Gross Earnings are \$44,253 less than last year, a decrease of rather less than one per cent.

Generating Costs are considerably less due to a decrease in the cost of coal and to increased efficiency in the Power Station to which I have already drawn your attention.

The Profit on Working is slightly more than last year and you will notice there is little change in the Profit and Loss Account. On the debit side there has been an increase in the interest on deposits due to the large increase in the

Deposit Fund. I am glad to say Bad Debts show a small decrease on last year's already small figure and amount to only 17 per cent. of the gross revenue.

The net profit shows an increase of \$27,070.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, on the Liabilities side Consumers' Deposits have increased by \$65,876, and Sundry Creditors have increased by \$32,149 as a result of the arrival of coal shipments at the end of December.

On the Assets side, Plant has increased by \$242,143, expenditure on the new high pressure boiler which is, at the moment, about to be placed on the general load of the Power Station.

It will be seen that the Buildings and Plant headings show only a small increase although there has been a heavy expenditure during the year. The additional outlay is largely offset by depreciation of the old Plant and Buildings.

Sundry Debtors have decreased by \$61,286, owing to the reduction of the amount in the hands of our London Representative, and the balance in General Consumers' accounts.

I do not think there are any further points in connection with the Accounts which call for comment.

The Future

Looking to the future, although there is every indication of considerable expansion in our power load, I do not anticipate any appreciable increase in lighting for some time to come, and in order to maintain our satisfactory results we must rely for the present more on economical working than on a large increase in revenue. To effect this it is essential that we keep our Station up-to-date in every respect, which means scrapping obsolete plant and replacing with the latest machinery. In this connection we anticipate heavy expenditure during the next year or two. We are also committed to the purchase of more land at North Point which is required for storage purposes and possible Station extension.

Un-Issued Capital

To meet these heavy charges I think it more than probable that it will be necessary to call up our un-issued capital as and when required, and I consider that this is an opportune time to indicate to Shareholders what your Directors have in mind. Even on an increased Capital, whilst we may not be able to guarantee the generous bonus proposed this year, we have every confidence in being able to maintain a steady dividend. At the same time we never overlook the fact that this is a public utility company and that our first duty is towards our consumers, who, I trust, appreciate that they are given rates for light and power which compare favourably with those charged elsewhere.

It affords me much pleasure to again refer to the good service given by our Staff during the past year. Our Manager, Mr. Butcher, was at home on leave and a considerable portion of his time was occupied in the interests of the Company. Mr. Sorby carried on the work here very satisfactorily during his absence and has now gone on a well earned holiday.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1933 be adopted.

When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

Secunder's Speech

Mr. A. W. Hughes, in seconding the proposal said:—"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to be asked to second the adoption of a Report

THE MERCANTILE BANK

The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, have received a telegram from their Head Office in London advising that at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders a Final Dividend of 6% on the "A" "B" and "C" shares will be recommended (making 12% for the year less Income Tax)—£20,000—written off Landed and House property—£173,000—carried forward to 1934 account.

The H.K. & S'hai Hotels, Ltd.

The Profit on Working Account for the year 1933 amounted to \$548,593.56 and the Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on December 31, 1933 (including the sum of \$47,024.43 brought forward from the previous year) after charging Interest, Insurance, Maintenance and Repairs, etc., providing for Depreciation and Bad and Doubtful Debts, amounted to \$288,239.30, which the Directors at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 11, 1934, will recommend apportioning as follows:

Transfer to Exchange
Fluctuation Account \$100,000.00
Carry Forward to New Account 188,239.30
Total \$288,239.30

HYDRANGEA'S SAFE ARRIVAL

Delayed By Fog

The s.s. Hydrangea which was yesterday reported as missing, not having arrived at her port of call, Swatow on Tuesday morning, has now arrived at the latter port.

Owing to the thick fog which was reported to be concentrated on and about the coastal line from Hong Kong to Swatow, the Hydrangea's captain thought better to make port through the fog and anchored outside. As soon as the conditions had improved the ship entered Swatow.

and Statement of Accounts such as those presented to Shareholders at this Meeting, and I offer my congratulations to the Directors, Agents and Staff on the year's results.

The continued increase in units sold is a very healthy feature in our business and this factor combined with the high efficiency of the modern plant now installed should enable all Shareholders to view the future of the Company with complete confidence.

I agree entirely with the suggestion of extending the policy of investing idle funds in certain local shares and I feel the choice of same can be safely left in your hands.

I am quite sure that Shareholders will approve the Board's decision to increase the cash bonus paid in 1932, which appears fully justified on the consistently good figures that have been before us in recent years.

Allowance for depreciation in an undertaking such as ours should be on a generous scale and I am pleased to see ample provision is made under this heading.

I am pleased also that you have given some indication of the Directors' intention regarding the probable calling up of the un-issued Capital.

Shareholders look upon this Company's stock as gilt edged and a sound investment and it is gratifying to have this view confirmed by the present Accounts, and to be informed of your confident opinion that a steady dividend can be maintained even on an increased capital.

It is due to the conservative policy adopted in the past that the Company is in its present strong position and I feel certain that the interests of Shareholders and consumers are and will continue to be safeguarded under the present able management. Confident that all Shareholders will endorse my remarks I wish to record their appreciation of the Staff during the past year.

I now formally second the adoption of the Report and Accounts for 1933 as presented to this Meeting.

The report and accounts were put to the meeting and carried.

The re-election of the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, and Mr. T. E. Pearce to the Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. J. H. R. Hance and seconded by Mr. A. Stevenson.

The proposal was carried.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-appointed auditors on the proposal of Mr. F. Austin, seconded by Mr. B. W. Tape.

ROPE COMPANY'S MEETING

DECREASED PROFIT: REFLECTION ON S.S. COMPANIES' POSITION

Sales Favourably Compared with Previous Years

The fifth annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the Registered offices, Messrs. Sheehan Tones & Co., when Mr. A. L. Shields presided and was supported by Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. S. T. Williamson, Directors, Mr. M. H. Turner, for the solicitors of the company and Mr. J. Coulthart, Secretary.

The following shareholders were also present—Messrs. Wong Pak Fun, J. Toppin, I. W. Sheehan, Li San Nam, W. H. Zimmermann, Soo Pin Chen, Chan Sim Yui, A. A. Botelho, W. McLean, C. V. L. Cole, A. C. Greaves, N. V. A. Groucher, K. C. Mok, Wong Kit Wan, Yang Yan, H. Dreyer and F. J. Tavares.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In presenting his report Mr. Shields said:—

Before proceeding with the business of this meeting I wish to record the great loss which this Company has suffered by the death of my predecessor in the chair, Mr. Robert Gordon Sheehan.

Mr. Sheehan was intimately connected with the affairs of this Company from its inception in 1893, and was Chairman of the Consulting Committee and the Board of Directors for over a period of 40 years. The Board and I am sure, the Shareholders regret the passing of one who was at all times a wise counsellor and who was largely responsible for the success of the Company.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting and the Auditors Report, the Chairman addressing the meeting said:—

Gentlemen—The gross revenue amounts to \$36,165.12 and after deducting Directors and Auditors Fees, Depreciation, Interest and Commission to General Managers there remains a net profit of \$56,255.20 for the year. This amount added to balance carried forward from the previous year makes the sum available for appropriation, \$143,572.24 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 35 cents per share, absorbing \$ 70,000.00
To carry forward to credit of next year's account 73,572.24
\$143,572.24

The accounts as presented call for little comment. The difference of \$2,254.16 as compared with the figures in the preliminary report is due to a sum for legal expenses in connection with the revision of the Articles of Association and certain amounts paid subsequent to the date of the above notice being written back from the 1934 to the 1933 account.

Depreciation on Buildings, Plant and Machinery has been calculated on the usual basis and Sums taken in at cost or under. The Company's investments have been written down to market value as on December 31, 1933, a depreciation of \$2,249.85.

Apart from these items I see nothing that calls for comment.

No Protection

When addressing you last year I stated that the decreased profit was a reflection of the position of Steamship Companies generally, and the restricted demand caused by about 22 per cent. of the world's tonnage being laid up. These remarks unfortunately applied equally to our position during the year under review, in addition to which we have had the disadvantage of the higher level of the Hong Kong dollar.

Except in Canada our product gets no benefit from Empire preference. Many of our competitors have protection in their home markets and compete with us on equal terms in Hong Kong Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States and India.

I am pleased to state that the actual quantity of our product sold during the year 1933 compares favourably with the average quantity sold in past years, although the keen competition which we have to meet from protected countries has meant a reduction in profits.

Revenue derived from rents shows a decrease of \$7,394.18 as compared with the previous year. This is partly accounted for by the

closure of the night club and cabarets in the West Point district which has driven a large number of people away from Kennedy Town to houses in Wanchoi and Kowloon.

Part of the Ma-tup-luk property is occupied by the Air Ministry and recently we let an additional part to the War Department. The increased revenue—\$330 per month—derived from this property will be reflected in the accounts for the present year, provided the tenants remain in occupation.

Buildings, Plant and Machinery have been renovated during the year and are now in a good state of repair.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts be submitted be adopted and passed and the amount of \$143,572.24 at credit of Profit and Loss Account be distributed as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 35 cents per share, absorbing \$70,000.00
To carry forward to credit of next year's account 73,572.24
and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from Shareholders.

The Report and Accounts were seconded by Mr. Wong Kit Wan and carried unanimously.

Sr. Ely Radcliffe, K.B.E., and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga proposed by Mr. W. McLean and seconded by Mr. C. V. L. Cole, were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$500 each on the proposal of Mr. H. Dreyer and seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho.

LATE MR. H. L. PEREIRA

Laid To Rest At Happy Valley

The funeral of the late Mr. Hector Lawrence Pereira, whose tragic death was reported in our columns yesterday, took place last evening at the Roman Catholic Cemetery when the Rev. Father Page took the graveside service.

Mr. Frank Pereira (brother) and Mrs. Pereira (sister-in-law) were the chief mourners and amongst the large number of friends present were noticed Messrs. M. R. Abbas, C. Van Lee, R. M. Omar, E. H. el Arcelli, Messrs. A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, A. T. Barma, H. T. Barma, P. M. el Arcelli, A. A. Barma, A. R. Kader, A. M. Omar, A. A. Barma, Mr. A. R. H. Esmael, O. el Arcelli, Mr. W. A. Abbas and many others.

Floral tributes were sent by "His sorrowing" brother, Frank, and Leila (sister-in-law), "Baby" Reginald, George and Walda (brothers) and Beryl (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Abbas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chan, M. R. Abbas and F. M. el Arcelli, A. H. Madar, A. R. Kader, Miss S. Y. Kader, brothers and sisters S. Y. Kader, Eric MacKellar and Chas. Van Lee, A. K. and A. R. Minn, A. M. Barma, A. H. Barma, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barma, Mrs. Rosie Barma, Chairman, Committee and members of the Indian Recreation Club, Benar Arts and Marking & Co.

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A. GOEKE.

13th March, 1934.

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OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY.

THE Annual Dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge Society will be held at the Gloucester Building on Wednesday, April, 4th at 8 p.m.

Anyone whose name is or has been on the books of a College at either University is entitled to join the Society and attend the dinner. Those wishing to attend are requested to communicate as early as possible with the Hon. Joint Secretary, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, C/o The Colonial Secretary's Office.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Contract for the disposal of all Kitchen and Table refuse from the Soldiers Cookhouses at Murray, Victoria, Wellington and Mount Austin Barracks, Hong Kong, is open to Tender with effect from April 1st, 1934.

Written Tenders for the above Contract should be sent in sealed packets to the President, Regimental Institutes, 1st Battalion The South Wales Borderers, Murray Barracks, Hong Kong, by March 25th, 1934.

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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE following tentative dates have been arranged for open Championship Events:—

Singles.—Semi-Final, Monday, 19th March.

Tsui Wai Pui v. G. R. M. Ricketts.

Doubles.—Semi-Final, Tuesday, 20th March.

L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher v. Tsui Ping Fan and Tsui Yun Pui.

Singles.—Semi-Final, Wednesday, 21st March.

Doubles.—Semi-Final, Friday, 23rd March.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. Ho Ku Iau and Tsui Wai Pui.

Singles.—Final, Monday, 26th March.

Doubles.—Final, Wednesday, 28th March.

Reserved Seats may now be booked at Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co. Price \$1.10 each, including Tax.

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1934-1935.

SEALED Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1934, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1935.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

A. T. RIVERS.

Surgeon Captain, R. N. Medical Officer in Charge.

ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL, Hong Kong.

13th March, 1934.

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CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 21st day of March, 1934, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1934.

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GREAT BRITAIN'S KEY INDUSTRY

Coal mining has been for a quarter of a century the *enfant terrible* of British industry. It has been through crisis after crisis. On several occasions it has threatened to bring British industry to a standstill, and once, in the abortive but costly general strike of 1926, it did so. Even in the depressed conditions of to-day the mines employ nearly 800,000 men, and ten years ago they employed 1,200,000 men. Coal is the industry upon which nearly all other British industries depend. In no other is labour so strongly organized or the owners so loosely organized. Among employees Socialism has a stronger hold than in any other trade, while among the masters many cling to the individualism of the nineteenth century. There is no co-operation between employers as a whole and men as a whole, and among the latter there is ceaseless dissatisfaction, which is increased by the knowledge that the owners have never come together to effect that reorganization which independent experts agree is essential. The recommendations of a royal commission have been ignored; and a reorganization commission, after three years' work, has only now reached the stage of reporting that it has been baffled by the owners, and that it at length proposes to use its powers of compulsion.

At a time when most of the staple British industries are, either voluntarily or under pressure,

tightening up their organization, it is becoming almost a public scandal that mining reforms long ago recognized as necessary should be frustrated by recalcitrant owners. As small individual concerns the mines are by no means inefficient; the inefficiency lies in attempting to maintain them on the basis of small individual concerns. The reorganization commission reports "haphazard development of each coal field by a large number of uncoordinated units, brought into existence on no national plan, nearly all working below capacity, competing suicidally, whether in capital expenditure or in prices, or both, for a market that cannot absorb the product of all." The commissioners have no powers to deal with the land owners, some 4000 in number, who own the minerals and draw royalties from the companies which mine them. But they have power in the last resort to compel the mining companies to effect mergers, to suppress the less profitable mines, and to devise a common selling policy.

The commissioners, with the moral support of the Government, have determined to effect partial amalgamations to control development, coordinate selling, and concentrate production in the more efficient mines by closing superfluous pits. Such partial rather than complete amalgamation they believe will carry the goodwill of at least a majority of owners who would resist more drastic measures. On these lines some progress may be expected in the present year. But competent critics are not satisfied. Nor are the commissioners, who recognize that no reform can be complete so long as the ownership of the land over the mines is in the hands of thousands of lessors who have no common interests. Again and again experts have advised that the nation should acquire these mineral rights and become the lessor of all the mines, with power to impose conditions. The reorganization commission is clearly of opinion that reorganization, to be "effective and lasting," requires nothing less than nationalization of the mineral rights.

Thus an industrial issue of the first magnitude is thrown into the cockpit of political discussion. Will the National Government, dependent on the support of so many Conservative interests, venture on so drastic a measure? If they do not, there will be much dissatisfaction among their more progressive supporters.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

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London, March 13.
The "Economist," the most authoritative journal on economic questions, in its leading article to-day under the headlines of "Ruinous External Debts" wherein the paper throws the whole weight of its influence and demands a substantial reduction in the interest rates imposed at the time when the economic situation was quite different to that of to-day.

The "Economist" shows that while England, France and other countries have recently undertaken great conversion operations reducing the rates of interest on public loans from 5½ to 4½ per cent, the Young Loan in December, 1933 showed a return on capital of 9 to 10 per cent, while representative public loans of other States were never higher than 4½ per cent.

Germany's creditors said the "Economist" have already received from one sixth to one fourth of their capital back against interest payments, which were issued at a time when there higher premiums risks in calculating the interest, and which now should be lowered. This would probably enable the transfer script system to be gradually abolished.

The solution of Germany's foreign indebtedness problem by conversion would be better for the world than the increase of German exports, says the "Economist" because the latter would tend to increase the prevailing depression. Germany's foreign indebtedness, says the "Economist" is by no means unusually high, the short-term debts being less than in 1913. The "Economist" concludes by advocating that steps be taken immediately to deduce all interests paid by Germany to 4 or even 4 per cent, as this will bring about a stabilisation in the international economic situation.—Transocean Kuo Min.

BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY
Geneva, March 13.
Cablegrams received from the Granchaco Commission now in Buenos Aires informing the League of Nations that further efforts to bring about an amicable settlement of the conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay are useless and the members of the Commission, one Spaniard, one Italian, one Frenchman, one Englishman, one Mexican therefore intend to return to Geneva next week.—Transocean Kuo Min.

ANNEXATION OF FIUME
Fiume, March 13.
1500 Marines, chosen amongst the crews of Naval units now in Fiume for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the annexation of this city by Italy, marched on the Col Cosala where the Votiv temple is built in memory of the dead for the cause of Fiume. The Staff General, at the head of which was the Duke of Genoa, deposited a wreath of laurels on the tomb of the dead.—Transocean Kuo Min.

FASCISTS IN ITALY
Rome, March 13.
The Secretary of the Fascist Party has ordered a week of Fascist Propaganda in Italy from the 15th to the 25th of March. Federal Secretaries will receive the necessary instructions and a certain number of speakers will be appointed by the party in all cities and also small centres. Lectures will be delivered to the populations demonstrating the works and

development done by Fascism. The 400 new candidates for the election will participate in the propaganda.—Transocean Kuo Min.

GERMANY'S NEW ECONOMIC LAW

Berlin, March 13.
On Tuesday the Reichs Economics Minister Schmitt in a speech before a gathering of leading men from the Civil service, economic life and the Press explained the way in which the German economic life would be organized when the new law enacted on February 27, 1934 is put into force. The aim of this new law is to simplify the structure, eliminate all superfluous organisations and prevent duplication. The law gives the Minister of Economics power to dissolve unnecessary organisations, order the fusion of others or establish new ones. The effect of this law will be to create the fourth great pillar on which the national life rests, the other three being (1) Reichs peasantry "estate" (2) Reichs Chamber of Culture and (3) German labour front. By the new law all individual economic organisations must belong to the new Reichs economic estate which will be operated on the leader principle, applied in the other three estates, and in the political system. All economic activity of the Reichs will be divided into twelve groups each under its own leader. The leader for the whole economic life of the Reichs will be a comparatively young man, Director Philipp Kessler who since the summer of 1931 belonged to the Board of Directors of the Bergmann Electricity works. The whole range of economic activity will be classified in twelve groups. (1) Metallurgical under Krupp von Kohlen Halback who simultaneously will be the leader of the German Industry as a whole. (2) Electrical and machine industry, (3) Iron and metal goods, (4) building trade, (5) chemical industry, (6) textile and leather, (7) foodstuffs, (8) handicrafts, (9) commerce, (10) Banks, (11) insurance, (12) traffic.—Transocean Kuo Min.

FRENCH REPLY ON DISARMAMENT

Berlin, March 13.
Germany's answer to the French Disarmament memorandum dated February 14 was handed over to the French Ambassador in Berlin Francois Poncet by von Neurath who took the opportunity of making a number of verbal comments on the contents of the Note.—Transocean Kuo Min.

DOLLFUSS CONFERES WITH MUSSOLINI

Rome, Mar. 14.
Italy, Austria and Hungary are all striving to prevent Danubian countries dissipating their strength in internecine struggles, declared Dr. Dollfuss when interviewed at the opening of the momentous tripartite discussions. He added Austria's role was to conciliate and bind together the Danubian States. To do so Austria must preserve her autonomy and independence, this has been proved by recent events. Dr. Dollfuss lengthily conferred with Mussolini this morning prior to a conference with Gomboes. It is understood Austria wants satisfactory terms for the use of Trieste as an outlet to the sea, also an increase in the sale of Austrian timber to Italy.—Reuter.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

COMPLETE BREAKDOWN REPORTED

Japanese Declare Position Is Hopeless

London, March 14.

The Anglo Japanese textile negotiations have broken down. The British have decided not to discuss further and refer the matter to the Government. Japanese circles declare the position is hopeless. The delegates held a half-hour joint meeting then separated for private discussion, after which the break down was announced.—Reuter.

The British memo to the Japanese textile Delegation, which has been published, contains the following concrete suggestions, namely, that the British Delegation would agree that discussions should begin with one or more of the undermentioned regions which the British delegation invited the

Japanese to select. The regions specified were, Africa, Asia, the Near and Middle East, Europe, South America and Central America. The markets included within the Near and Middle East were not to be included in Asia or Europe. It was suggested in cases of doubt to regard the inclusion of particular countries in one or other area could be settled by discussion. Markets within the British and Japanese empires were to be regarded as separate groups for discussion when suitable progress had been made in connection with other areas.

The discussions on each region were to be without prejudice to the liberty of both delegations in reaching final decisions on the negotiations as a whole.—Reuter.

THE TOMOTSURU DISASTER

Ten More Survivors From Wreck

Sasebo, March 14.
By six o'clock this morning, ten more members of the crew of the Tomotsuru had been found alive and rescued from the wreck of the destroyer.

Seventeen corpses have also been recovered.—Reuter.

HOPE ABANDONED
Sasebo, Mar. 14.
At 3.30 p.m. forty-nine corpses had been recovered from the hull of the Tomotsuru. There is no hope of further survivors.—Reuter.

SALE OF C.E.R. RUMOURED

At A Price Of Yen 135,000,000

Harbin, March 14.
It is strongly rumoured here that secret negotiations in Tokyo have resulted in the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway to Manchukuo at a price of Yen 135,000,000.

The report is not confirmable, but the tension between the Japanese and Soviet officials here has visibly relaxed.—Reuter.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE

Tokyo, Mar. 14.
Hirota and the Soviet Ambassador, Yureneff, have been holding meetings to discuss the C.E.R., but it is reported little progress has made.—Reuter.

NEW FREE STATE DUTIES

Tax On Rubber Shoes

Dublin, March 13.
The Executive Council of the Irish Free State have ordered the imposition of a special customs duty of one shilling a pair on all shoes imported of which the soles are wholly or partly of rubber, or imitation or artificial rubber, or which contain rubber as an ingredient and of which the uppers are not made wholly or mainly of leather and or skin.

The new duty becomes effective as from March 14.

The Council have also ordered a customs duty of a shilling a pound on all imported honey.—Reuter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Eagle, and H.M.S. Wren are due back from Manila on Friday.

Three cases of small-pox, one of paratyphoid fever and three of cerebro-spinal fever were reported for the 24 hours ended on March 13.

Damage to the extent of \$70 was caused at 109 Pak Tai Street, Shamshuipo on Tuesday when quantity of dampened fire crackers which were being dried over a charcoal fire, exploded.

Extensive damage was done at 5 Soy Street, Mongkok, when sparks from a machine shop is believed to have caused an outbreak of fire. Before the flames were subdued, they spread to the adjoining houses.

The second annual general meeting of the Children's Playground Association will be held at the Public Works Department Board Room on Monday, March 19 at 5.15 p.m.

The coroner's inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Wheeler who died at the Kowloon Hospital last month following an operation, was yesterday continued in camera before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. W. Naei, of 119 Waterloo Road, knocked down a woman, Chan Ng, aged 22, when driving a car in Waterloo Road on Tuesday. The victim was taken to the

NEWS SUMMARY

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The full report of the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Company appears on page 7.

An interesting trade mark case came before Mr. Hamilton at the Supreme Court. The complainants were the proprietors of the "Gardan" mark. Page 6.

The case in which Capt. Beer is suing the Foo Hong Steamship Company was continued yesterday before the Chief Justice. Page 11.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association was held yesterday. Page 12.

BRITISH MOTOR INDUSTRY

Record Year In 1933

London, March 14.
The British motor car production last year showed a record of thirty per cent above 1932. The total retail value was £47,886,840 for 216,149 private cars of which sixty per cent are of ten horsepower and under, and 64,377 commercial vehicles.

There are now thirteen motors per mile of road in England. All factories are fully booked and this year's output promises to be higher still.—Reuter.

EXPORT OF SOVIET COTTON GOODS

A Menace To British Trade

London, Mar. 14.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Parry-Goff drew attention to the export of Soviet cotton goods to British Colonies, Africa, Malaya, Siam and the F.M.S. He advocated action by the Government. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald replied that he was aware of these Soviet exports, but ignored whether the volume of trade was substantial. He added the matter would not be lost sight of.—Reuter.

HOME BY-ELECTION

Liberals Retain Seat

London, Mar. 14.
The by-election for the Scottish Universities, caused by the death of Mr. D. M. Cowan, resulted in Dr. George Morrison, Liberal 18,070, Mr. Robert Gibson, K.C., Labour, 4,750.—Reuter.

Kowloon Hospital where it was found that her right arm was injured.

A Kowloon taxi-driver, Chan Chak-sai, has reported to the police that a European was knocked down by his car on Tuesday. He appeared not to have been seriously injured, as after the accident he was able to walk away. He refused his name and address to the driver.

The Yu Yuan Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co. of Tientsin, employing over 4,000 workers, has closed for the present, according to Dr. Rudolf Hoeseltz legal advisor to the company, who calls the closing "a kind of temporary measure in order to carry out certain works contemplated by the directors."

It is learned that Mr. W. H. Bailey has found it will be impossible for him to take the Bass solo work in Dvorak's "Stabat Mater" (At the foot of the Cross) which the St. Andrew's Church choir is rendering at Passiontide, on March 29 at 9 p.m. His place is being taken by Mr. C. W. E. Bishop in the solo, and by Mr. F. W. Dann in the quartet.

Among the passengers due in Hongkong by the "Empress of Britain" on Saturday, 17th inst., are Sir Ely Kadoorie, K.B.E., and Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie. Both these gentlemen are returning from a long holiday in England and on the Continent of Europe. They are passing through Hong Kong on their return to Shanghai.

AMERICAN CRUISER ON FIRE

OUTBREAK ON U.S.S. FULTON LAST NIGHT

BRIEF MESSAGES REACH HONGKONG

Several Steamers Standing By

THE U.S.S. FULTON, WHICH SAILED FROM HONG KONG YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WAS REPORTED TO BE ON FIRE LAST NIGHT WHEN NOT MANY MILES FROM THE COLONY.

A message to this effect was wireless to Hong Kong by the s.s. Tsinan, which steamer also stated that she had picked up one boat's crew from the American cruiser.

A further message stated that the s.s. Kremer and the Customs' cruiser, Li Kin, were proceeding to the Fulton's assistance.

The position of the Fulton was given as Longitude 114 and Latitude 22.18, which is a little to the East of Gap Rock.

It is understood that upon receipt of the message here the Police and Naval authorities were immediately notified and that rescue ships were at once rushed from the Colony.

The U.S.S. Fulton had been in Hong Kong for the past four days. She sailed yesterday afternoon shortly after 3. The s.s. Tsinan, which wireless the news to Hong Kong, sailed much later, leaving at about six o'clock in the evening.

The s.s. Kremer which was reported last night to be rushing to the scene of the fire, left Hong Kong at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Only very meagre details were available at a late hour last night, from which it was gathered that the outbreak on board, the exact cause of which is unknown, commenced shortly after 6 o'clock.

Another report was to the effect that no lives were lost, but of this there is no confirmation, though it is possible that with the timely arrival of the several boats mentioned above, that rescue work proved highly successful. Yet another report, to which little credence can be given at the moment is that the Fulton was completely burnt out.

The No. 4 Police launch attempted, upon receipt of the message, to proceed to the scene indicated, but owing to heavy weather outside had to put back.

RESTRICTION OF TIN

Belgian Congo To Join Scheme

London, March 13. Tin producers in the Belgian Congo have decided to join the restriction scheme, according to the "Financial Times". Production of 15,000 tons of tin ore during 1934-35 will be allotted to the Belgian Congo, this representing a compromise between the Belgian demand of 17,000 tons and the 10,500 tons offered by the Tin Committee.—Reuter.

GOLD PURCHASES BY U.S.A.

\$593,000,000 In Five Weeks

New York, March 13. The Treasury Department reveals that gold to the value of \$593,000,000 was purchased by the U.S. Government between February 1 and March 8.

Most of the gold came from abroad.

The grand total since the gold purchase policy was inaugurated on October 25 is \$780,000,000. It is also disclosed that \$27,000,000 in gold coins has been surrendered this year under the anti-hoarding order.—Reuter.

FIRST 1934 LEVEE

London, March 13. The first levee of the year was held to-day at St. James' Palace but was robbed of some of its usual pageantry by rainy weather. Nevertheless, large crowds lined the Mall when the King drove from Buckingham Palace, and His Majesty was loudly cheered. About 900 people attended the levee, including the Diplomatic Corps and officers from all three Services.—British Wireless.

CUNARD LINER ENCOUNTERS STORM

Waves Break Over 70ft. High Deck

London, Mar. 14. A vivid description of the Cunard liner Berengaria's battle through the worst Atlantic storm in seven years was given by American passengers on the arrival of the liner at Southampton.

During the height of the storm, when the vessel heaved for two hours, a gale struck the liner with hurricane force. Waves broke over her deck seventy feet above the waterline. Dozen of passengers were injured but not seriously.

A couple of two ton safes were ripped from their bolts and crashed on to the floor of the purser's office. The Sunday services and cinema performances were cancelled.

The Berengaria is making one of the quickest turnarounds in the history of trans-Atlantic travel, she is leaving for New York after only sixteen hours in dock.—Reuter.

A QUICK "TURN ROUND" London, Mar. 13. The great Cunard liner Berengaria arrived at Southampton this evening and is recrossing the Atlantic to New York to-morrow morning.

She will be making the quickest "turn round" in her career, for during her seventeen hours in Southampton she will disembark passengers and embark others and hundreds of workmen will be engaged throughout the night loading cargo, provisions and mail, and pouring thousands of tons of oil into her.—British Wireless.

A MANCHUKUO "INCIDENT"

Soviet 'Plane Lands Near Lake Hanka

Tokyo, Mar. 14. The War Office announces that a Soviet aeroplane made a forced landing, apparently due to engine trouble, on March 11, in the so-called Manchukuo territory in the Mishan district, north of Lake Hanka. The so-called Manchukuo authorities are detaining the two occupants one of whom is an officer in the Army.

A spokesman said the so-called Manchukuo would protest to Moscow, while the Japanese army "is also unable to remain indifferent to this incident."—Reuter.

Britain's Five Year Housing Plan

HOPE THAT SLUM DISTRICTS WILL DISAPPEAR BY 1939

London, March 13. An ambitious scheme for slum clearance throughout the British Isles is detailed in a White Paper issued by the Government to-day.

It is hoped that as a result of the Government's programme the slum problem in Britain will have disappeared after a period of five years.

Among the Government's proposals is the demolition of over a quarter of a million houses in the slum areas and the building of nearly three hundred thousand new houses to replace them.

BRITISH TREASURY RETURNS

Budget Surplus Indicated

London, March 13.

The latest weekly Treasury returns show that up to March 10 the total ordinary revenue for the current financial year which ends on March 31st amounted to £876,908,092 and the ordinary expenditure for the same period £851,185,862.

For the full year, it was estimated that the ordinary revenue would amount to £898,777,000 and that the ordinary expenditure would be £700,868,000.

Inland revenue collected last week totalled £16,313,600, and included £10,215,000 in income tax £3,050,000 in surtax and £1,850,000 in estate duties.

Receipts from Customs and Excise last week amounted to £5,092,000 and the total revenue from this source during the current financial year now amounts to £169,465,000, which figure is already slightly in excess of the estimated revenue from Customs and Excise for the full year.

Ordinary and self-balancing revenue to date amount to £755,238,092 and the total ordinary and self-balancing expenditure, after allowance is made for two items not provided for in the budget, £7,215,097 provision for a new sinking fund and £3,304,392 in War Debt payments to the United States, amounts to £740,035,351. The Budget estimate for ordinary and self-balancing expenditure was £734,405,000.—British Wireless.

ESTHONIA PARLIAMENT TO BE DISSOLVED

Berlin, March 13.

The Ministry of Elders has decided to dissolve the Esthonia Parliament on Friday, after the adoption of the Budget.

It is not expected that the Presidential and Parliamentary elections, fixed for April, can take place, and thus a considerable period without any Parliament and with a virtual dictatorship for the Paets Government is anticipated.

Meanwhile, unrest continues, the latest development being the arrest of 300 men during searches of houses for "Freedom Fighters" accused of preparing for an armed insurrection.—Reuter.

NO FURTHER DISTURBANCES

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Reval, March 13.

The Esthonian Government has dissolved all unions belonging to the fighters for freedom movement and also forbid any kind of activity of other political parties. Political meetings of any kind are strictly prohibited.

The chief editors of all Reval newspapers have received instructions from the Government about the nature of the measures being taken. Meanwhile no further disturbances are reported.

The Government intends to expel all adherents "fighters for freedom movement" from the army.—Transocean Kuo Min.

STRIKE EPIDEMIC IN SPAIN

Spreading to All Parts of the Country

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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Madrid, March 14. The strike epidemic is spreading to all parts of Spain, increasing the tension and adding to the fear of revolt but the general unrest has so far not led to grave disturbances and the authorities appear to have the situation well in hand.

In Madrid, the striking printers have been bent on preventing further publication of Catholic papers which again made their appearance on Wednesday and were sold under police protection.

There is every indication that workers of the gas and water supply, as well as the power works, will shortly join the strike, which would greatly aggravate the situation.

Sporadic strikes, especially of transport workers are reported from Barcelona, Valencia, Castillone, Alicante and other cities.—Transocean Kuo Min.

DISARMAMENT PROBLEM

Germany Replies To French Note

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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Paris, March 14. News of the German reply to the last French disarmament memorandum having been handed in to the French Ambassador at Berlin was received by the French press without comment as nothing is as yet known of the contents of the document.

Le Matin's Berlin correspondent, however, claims to know that the German reply does not add any new element to the Franco-German discussion since the Berlin Government is fully aware that the success of the disarmament negotiations depends chiefly on the result of the interchange of opinions going on between Paris and London.

The German note, according to the correspondent, merely marks time in order to maintain contact with France and to avoid responsibility for breaking off discussions.—Transocean Kuo Min.

SOVIET 'PEACE OFFENSIVE'

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received, March 14, 7.30 p.m.)

London, March 14. Some interesting information concerning the new Soviet Russian "peace offensive" to be launched after the final collapse of the disarmament negotiations, is revealed by the "Daily Telegraph" usually well-informed correspondent who states that the Russian plan provides for the conclusion of a general non-aggression pact which is to be supplemented by a pact for mutual aid against the aggressor nation, whereby aggression is to be defined along lines laid down in the Eight Power Convention concluded in London by Russia with her neighbours last summer.

The correspondent goes on to say that Russia hopes to accomplish two things by the "peace offensive," namely to isolate Japan, which would hardly consent to sign the pact in the proposed form, and to further consolidate relations with France, which country is expected to welcome the Russian proposals.

England, so the correspondent concludes, would probably decline to sign the pact, because it provides automatic sanctions and thus involve additional obligations on the Continent.—Transocean Kuo Min.

ANGLO-FRENCH TRADE

Negotiations Opened Yesterday

London, March 13.

Negotiations regarding the trade situation between France and United Kingdom, with special reference to the French quotas, will begin at the Board of Trade to-morrow.

Britain will be represented at the opening by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, and by Colonel Colville, of the Department of Overseas Trade, and by officials of the Government Departments directly concerned. The French delegation is headed by the Minister of Commerce, Mr. Lamoureux.—British Wireless.

JAPAN'S RECORD BUDGET

Passed By House Of Peers

Tokyo, Mar. 14.

The House of Peers have passed a record budget, including Yen 497,000,000 for the Navy and 449,000,000 for the Army.—Reuter.

DEATH OF JUDGE PRINCE

Verdict Of Seven Specialists

Paris, Mar. 14.

A fresh post mortem on the remains of Judge Prince by a board of seven specialists revealed that he was under the influence of a powerful anaesthetic, but was not dead when the wheels of the train passed over him.—Reuter.

SWEDISH LOAN TO SOVIET

To Enable Purchase Of Swedish Goods

Stockholm, Mar. 14.

An agreement has been concluded for a hundred million kroner credit to Russia against the purchase of Swedish goods. Manufacturers will be paid in kroner by the Swedish Government, which will receive Soviet bonds against deliveries.—Reuter.

WALKER-CUP GOLF

Part Of British Team Chosen

London, Mar. 14.

The following have been invited to represent Britain against America in the Walker Cup to be played at St. Andrews on May 11 and 12. Bentley, Fiddian, S. McKinlay, McClean, Michael Scott, Tolley, Torrance, Whetthered. Two more places have yet to be filled.—Reuter.

CIVIL WAR IN C. CHINA

Liu's Troops On The Move

Nanking, Mar. 14.

Latest advices from Chengchow state that two thousand of Liu Kwei Tang's cavalry at present at Shihua, east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway having crossed the line in the vicinity of Linyin, the marauders attempted to push south from Shihua but were beaten back by Government troops. Hsuehchang, an important station, for a time was threatened but the danger is now considered past.

Meanwhile, other bands of Liu Kwei Tang's forces are reported to have appeared at Yuhshien and Lushan west of the Railway.—Reuter.

Peiping, Mar. 14. Foreign advices state that Liu Kwei Tang's troops are threatening Central Honan, near Yenchengshien, where the C.I.M. and Seventh Day Adventists both have missions. North bound trains are reported to be delayed, but south bound trains are stated to still be going through.—Reuter.

S. AFRICAN DEFENCE PLANS

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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Capetown, March 14. In connection with the report that the Government intends to encourage the establishment of an ammunition and arms factory in order to promote national defence plans, it is learned that the head of the recently-established South African Branch of the Czechoslovakian Skadworks has arrived, probably to negotiate with Government.—Transocean Kuo Min.

THREE POWER PARLEYS AT ROME

MAY HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON FUTURE OF EUROPE

Closer Economic Relations Expected

ITALY EAGER TO PLEASE

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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Some, March 14. The much-heralded negotiations between Mussolini and the Hungarian premier Gombos and the Austrian Chancellor Dollfuss, which was expected to result in closer economic and possibly political co-operation between these states got under way on Wednesday when Dollfuss was received by Il Duce for a preliminary conference.

The official programme provides for numerous receptions, and banquets in honour of the two foreign statesmen, the Italian Government are obviously taking pains to make their visit the occasion for an impressive manifestation of the friendship existing between these Governments.

Dr. Dollfuss will be received in special audience by the Pope on Wednesday afternoon, and the day's festivities will culminate in a brilliant banquet at the Palazzo Venezia, given by Mussolini in honour of his guests, to be followed by a reception of members of the Diplomatic Corps in the spacious residence of Cardinal Barbo.

On Thursday both Gombos and Dollfuss will be received by the King, and in the evening they will attend the gala performance given in their honour of Verdis Aida at the Royal Opera House.—Transocean Kuo Min.

Rome, March 13. Dr. Dollfuss arrived to-night and was greeted by Signor Mussolini, high officials of the Italian Government, and an enormous cheering crowd.

He raised his hand giving the Fascist salute but he displayed evident surprise at the cordiality of his reception.

Dr. Gombos, the Hungarian Premier, has been here since yesterday.

The negotiations between the three Powers are due to begin to-morrow and aim at an economic alliance which, if successful, will have far-reaching political importance in relation to the future of Europe.

The three parties have lodged memoranda as the basis of their conversations.

The Italian document is based upon the recommendations of the Stresa Conference and proposes bilateral economic regional agreements.

TRADE QUESTIONS

Signor Mussolini and Dr. Gombos have already discussed trade questions, mainly dealing with Italian and Hungarian railway freight rates. This is a typical thorny problem as Hungary's exports chiefly consist of grain and cattle. Italy does not want grain and can get all the cattle she wants more cheaply from Yugoslavia, which is nearer.

Somewhat similar difficulties seem likely to arise between Italy and Austria because under natural conditions Italy is best fitted to trade with Yugoslavia and Austria with Czechoslovakia.

Consequently, the Italians are anxious to extend the scope of the Conference to include the Little Entente Powers.

Czechoslovakia, it is understood, has recently softened her attitude towards Italy, but hesitates to grasp Signor Mussolini's hand, though it is being rumoured that the Foreign Minister, M. Benes, is willing to visit Rome.

Other Powers are watching developments very closely.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

Reuter learns that the British Government is completely sympathetic to the Mussolini scheme provided dangerous political implications are avoided.

The French Government sees much merit in the rehabilitation of the Danube Basin and this attitude may assist the Little Entente to regard the conversations with a more friendly eye.—Reuter.

THE PORT OF FIUME

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Vienna, March 13.

The "Neue Wiener Abendblatt" reports from Budapest the intervention of the Italian Government on the question of the port of Fiume. The Hungarian point of view will be disclosed at the triple conference to be held in Rome. Numerous Hungarian exporters and importers have already proceeded to Fiume to study local conditions.—Transocean Kuo Min.



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HOME FOOTBALL

WRONG TACTICS FOLLY

Oldham Mistake After Being On Top

A change of tactics midway through the second half, when they were leading by a goal, deprived Oldham Athletic of victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Boundary Park yesterday.

There seemed very little to be gained in concentrating on defence when they had previously overplayed the Wednesday, from a territorial point of view, and thus it was not surprising when Wednesday equalised, although none could deny that the honour was deserved.

Not for four years, when Wednesday last visited Boundary Park, in the corresponding round had such a pulsating struggle been seen. The Athletic early in the game opened out in great style, their swinging passes and positioning causing the Wednesday defence considerable trouble.

Thus it was no more than they deserved when Reid, after he had gone very close previously, put Athletic ahead, and a great goal it was, too.

The move was initiated by Johnston in midfield. He sent a low through pass to Rowley who immediately switched the ball forward to Reid, giving the latter a great chance which he was not slow to accept. Taking the ball forward in his stride, he put in a great left-foot drive which had Brown hopelessly beaten. To the interval Athletic were superior. Their fast-moving attack, in which Reid showed commendable enterprise, was always dangerous.

Chadwick gave Blenkinsop any amount of trouble, while on the other wing Pears put in some fine work, with Bailey and Rowley opening out play with telling effect.

Wednesday on top Then 15 minutes after the resumption came the change, and so well did Wednesday profit thereby that had they won the Athletic would have had only themselves to blame. To such an extent did they concentrate on defence that the halves and full-backs often got in each other's way.

And it was not surprising when Hooper equalised. Johnson had been forced to concede a corner, and from Rimmer's flagkick Hooper turned the ball into the net. To the end Wednesday were on top, and only some magnificent work by Porter and Hacking prevented Wednesday winning.

Indeed, the honours of a hard game go to the respective defences. Chief honours are taken by the respective goalkeepers. Brown was brilliant in the first half for Wednesday, but not more so than was Hacking when the visitors were making their victory bid late in the game. Hacking saved one brilliant header from Dewar. Porter vied with Blenkinsop for the best back, but at half-back Burke, for the Athletic, played so well that Dewar had few opportunities.

Wednesday's strength lay on the wings where Hooper and Rimmer were always dangerous, and for the Athletic, Reid, Rowley and Pears were prominent in attack. The attendance, subject to check, was 45,990, the receipts being £2,960.

The replay will take place at Hillsborough on Wednesday.

ESCAPE FOR BOLTON

Error Gives Them Another Chance

Brighton's lack of punch in attack ruined any chance they had of passing on to the next round of the Cup at the expense of Bolton Wanderers.

In all other departments of the side the Third Division club were not so badly represented, but forward they were without method.

On the other hand there might not have been a replay at Bolton on Wednesday but for a lapse by Webb the Brighton goalkeeper, who otherwise played a heroic game.

Brighton had taken the lead eight minutes from the interval through a penalty-kick coolly taken by Wilkinson, following a foul on Thompson. By this goal Brighton led at the interval. But a minute and a half after resuming Wednesday scored with what I strongly suspect was an intended centre.

The ball was lobbed, more than kicked, and the wind curled it in as Webb made a belated effort to save. I thought he might have started earlier.

These were the only two goals in the match, which did not rise to real Cup-tie height till five minutes from the end, when Brighton made a do-or-die effort to win through. That was thrilling, and more so when Bolton also dashed away with determined effort at the other end.

As a team Bolton were a long way better than their Third Division rivals.

They were more scientific, speedy, and crafty, and had the right wing shown up as prominently as

Cook and Westwood on the left there would have been no doubt about the result.

Cook and Westwood were ever a thorn in the Brighton defence, which, time and again, had to thank Webb for preventing a score. The Brighton goalkeeper was lucky on one or two occasions, but there were many times when he saved in difficult situations.

The other stars in the Brighton team were King, the 6ft 2in defender, and Walker, the left half-back, who repeatedly tried to bring some cohesion to the attack, in which Thompson at outside right played a lone hand.

Milson might have put the issue beyond doubt had he been steadier in front of goal. Wild shooting lost him good chances, though he had wretched luck with a free kick which struck the inside of the post and the ball was scrambled away as it was crossing the goal line.

Attendance, 25,535, receipts, £2,277.

BRENTFORD LOSE AT PRESTON

North End's Flying Start

Preston N.E. 3 Brentford 2 Preston reversed the previous day's score in the return match with Brentford at Deepdale yesterday, before 26,000 spectators.

The winners played their best football whilst establishing a two-goal lead but Brentford retaliated so strongly that they drew level. North End, however, regained their advantage.

North End got a flying start, for only four minutes had gone when Bell scored, smartly snapping up a chance. He flashed another shot, just over from twenty yards, and then failure by Hodge, to clear left Stephenson to force his way past Baker and add Preston's second goal.

Persistent work led to the Brentford right-wing taking the ball almost from midway for Scott to score. The same player obtained the equaliser, following a corner gained by Hopkins.

The second half was decided in had light, and play deteriorated. Most of the attacking was done by the home side, and a goalmouth struggle ended with Stephenson scoring the deciding goal.

Brentford fielded an unchanged team, which played convincingly until appearing to tire in the second half. Hopkins and Scott were outstanding on the right-wing.

Preston had Gallimore at right-back and also played Rawlings and Kelly, who were rested on Christmas Day. Bell, the former Queen of the South forward, made a first appearance at inside-left. Stephenson led the attack splendidly and Bell gave a grand display.

FISHLOCK IN FORM

Two Quick Shots Put Millwall On Top

Millwall 3 Notts County 2 While Millwall were a trifle lucky to gain both points against Notts County at New Cross yesterday, they certainly played wholeheartedly.

The County seemed the more workmanlike side, and pressed almost continuously throughout the second half, but praise must be given to the sterling play of the Millwall defence, in which Turnbull, Forsyth and Walsh figured prominently.

Turnbull played magnificently, and whether the ball was on the ground or in the air he was always Macartney's master. In fact, Notts County's inability to score during the closing stages, when they were having the better of the exchanges, can be directly traced to the complete subjection of their leader.

Apart from this weakness, in the centre, the visitors' attack, well supported by all the half-backs, was always making ground by well-placed, long passes from the inside man to the opposite winger.

Haden Misses His Chance Rickards, who came in at inside-right in place of Elliot, was conspicuous with this move. If Haden on the left wing had taken advantage of Millwall's obvious weakness at right-half the result might have been very different.

In spite of scoring three goals, the Millwall attack was not a great success, only Phillips and Fishlock playing consistently well. Bond was obviously affected by a terrific blow he received on the head from the ball, and Roberts seemed to be feeling the strain of the holiday games.

The game opened sensationally, three goals being scored in the first seven minutes. Almost from the kick-off Fishlock converted a pass from Yardley, and after five minutes' play the outside-left again completed another move, this time receiving the ball from Bond.

Immediately afterwards Macartney reduced the lead when he

SCHOOL CRICKET LOCAL FOOTBALL

D.B.S. v. Q.C.

The cricket match between Diocesan Boys' School and Queen's College, played yesterday at Sookunpoo, resulted in the latter winning by 7 wickets.

D.B.S. batted first and made 133 for 9 wickets declared. Queen's College passed their opponents' total with 7 wickets in hand. M. el Arcuili 78 and Tsui 43 were the most successful batsmen.

The scores were:—
D.B.S. 133 (for 9 dec.)
G. T. Lee 34
R. Broadbridge 29

Q.C. 137 (for 3 wickets)
M. el Arcuili 78
Y. P. Tsui 43
Hulse 3 for 52

SHANGHAI BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

M. T. Lee Has Little Difficulty in Eliminating A. M. Souza

In a preliminary heat of the Shanghai senior billiard championship, played last week at the rooms of the Amateur Billiards Association, 3 Peking Road, M. T. Lee had an easy victory over A. M. Souza, whom he defeated by 1,000 to 580. Neither of the men were in their best form and had the additional handicap of playing with new balls, to which it took them some time to get used. Consequently, play for a while was somewhat slow.

However, Lee, at least, had a run of breaks which were distinctly to his credit and obviously he is in as good touch as ever. In the first session he ran up 500 to Souza's 352, and finally went to his point of 1,000 with an unfinished break of 55, with Souza standing at 580. Lee had runs in order of 27, 46, 42, 25, 75, 73, 34, 31, 24, 37, 78, 35, and 58 (unfinished). Souza made 22, 39, 21, 41, 31, 38, 30, 54, and 31.

drove in a splendid shot after Yull had fisted out a corner from Haden. Mid-way through this half Hancock had the misfortune to deflect a shot from Corkhill past his own goalkeeper and put Notts level.

Ten minutes after the interval Phillips easily scored when he tapped in a square pass from Yardley.

The following matches have been arranged for Saturday, 17th instant:—

HONG KONG LEAGUE

Division III.

(Kick-off at 3 p.m.)
R.E. v. R.A.S.C. Sookunpoo.
Radio v. R.A.F. Athletic Ground, Happy Valley.

Division I.

The following change in ground is notified:—
Hong Kong F.C. v. East Lancashire at Sookunpoo.

GOLD AND THE EXCHANGES

For two reasons, the subsidence of interest in the foreign exchanges may be welcomed. In the first place, by eliminating feverish speculation in currencies, trade is given an opportunity to adjust itself to the new position. The second reason is that the cause of the steadiness which left franc unchanged at 77 3-32 and dollars at \$6.031 seems to be that the American dollar fund is more or less active in Paris.

These agencies, in addition to the gold withdrawals, are keeping the Paris-New York cross rate near the point which is slowing down fresh bullion movements, though gold is still arriving from Paris in London. Yesterday's consignment of £1,170, 000 put up to offer in London commanded 137s 3d per oz. or 6d higher than the previous day. At that price the profit margin on shipments to New York must now be very narrow and unattractive, save to those who are accustomed to handle bullion regularly for a fine profit.

The temporary stabilisation of the dollar and the means employed in giving it effect are beginning to move American internal prices. The Guaranty Trust fortnightly cable refers to the index of wholesale commodity prices for the week ending February 10 at 73.2 per cent. as the highest this year. This is an advance of 9.4 per cent. on the week and 6.7 per cent. on the fortnight.



Scene from "Hoopla" showing at the King's Theatre soon.

HOME GOLF

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Feb. 25.
The following is a list of Home Golf fixtures:—

- MEN**
- March
18. Competition for "Antlers of Royal Mid-Surrey." Richmond.
23-25. Halford-Hewitt Cup Tournament. Deal.
27-28. Oxford v. Cambridge. Formby, near Southport.
28. Assistant Professionals' Championship. Northwick Park.
29-31. Open Foursomes Match-play Tournament. Sunningdale.
31. Open Easter Meeting (April 3). Woodhall Spa.
- April
1-2. Golf Competitions. Lahinch, Co. Clare.
5-7. £200 Professional Invitation Tournament. Roehampton.
9-11. Amateur-Professional Foursomes. Addington.
15. Lincolnshire v. Woodhall Spa. Woodhall Spa.
16. Senior G.S. v. Veteran L.G.A. Ranelagh.
21. English Club Championship. Formby Club.
23. Army Championship (Week). St. Andrews. English Amateur Championship. Formby Club.
30. Dunlop-Southport Professional Golf Tournament (to May 4). Southport.

May



El Brendel in "Olsen's Big Moment."

2. Royal and Ancient Spring Medal. St. Andrews.
"Golf Illustrated." Gold Vase. Walton Heath.
Mixed Foursomes Competition. Ftwell.
3. Lincolnshire v. Leicester-shire and Rutland. Woodhall Spa.
5. Spring Trophy. Herne Bay. Cheshire Colts v. Lancashire Colts. North Manchester.
St. George's Champion Grand Challenge Cup Competition. Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich.
11-12. Walker Cup (Great Britain v. U.S.A.). St. Andrews, Scotland.
12. Cheshire v. Yorkshire. Wilmslow.
16. Silver Tassie. Glenageary.
19-22. Open Whistlunite Meeting. Woodhall Spa.
20-21. Golf Competitions. Lahinch, Co. Clare.
21-25. Amateur Championship. Prestwick, Scotland.
23-26. Bar Golfing Society Tournament. Rye.
28. Assistant Professionals' Tournament begins. Wentworth.
- WOMEN**
- 11-12. International Meeting. Ranelagh.
16. Veteran L.G.A. v. Seniors G.S. Ranelagh.
23. "Mothers and Daughters" Foursomes. Ranelagh.
27. Ladies' Parliamentary G.A. Competition. Ranelagh.

May

5. Ladies v. Men. Stoke Poges.
9-10. Home International Matches. Royal Portcawli Club.
11-17. Women's Open Championship. Royal Portcawli Club.
29. Veteran L.G.A. North v. South. Parnall.
30-31. Open Meeting. Shanklin and Sandown.
31. St. George's Hill Trophy and Open Meeting. Weybridge.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 21st March, 1934, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1933, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 12th March, 1934, until Wednesday, 21st March, 1934, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1934. [2300]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 26th March, 1934, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 26th March, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 9th March, 1934. [2313]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1934, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th March, 1934, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

RE THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 6th March, 1934. [2334]

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for THE SPRING RACE MEETING, to be held in Macao on Sunday, 25th March, 1934, may be obtained at The Sports Club, Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, or at the Offices of Messrs. Benjamin & Fotts, 11, Queen's Road.

ENTRIES close at 3 P.M. on FRIDAY, 16th March, 1934. [2354]

Drury, Lt. Richards and Mid. Hemmings, Mid. Rowlandson, Lt. Suther, Lt. Brown and Lt. Juniper.
S.W.B. "B"—L/Cpl. Smith, Cpl. Addison and Pte. March, Pte. Shortolse, Pte. Williams (33), Pte. Hearn and Pte. Whelan.

H.K. Bank v. Tamar and Small Ships
Hong Kong Bank 8 points, Tamar and Small Ships 0 points

The first half of the game produced no score, although in the second Bradford opened with a try wide of the posts following a good movement by Robertson. The latter failed to materialise the effort.

From the Kick-off Turner cut clean through the opposing forwards to make a glorious opening for Stewart, the latter scoring, while Rigg converted.

The teams were:—
H.K. Bank—W.H.B. Rigg, W. R. McGilchrist and M. W. Turner, L. G. Robertson, G. R. Burch, I. H. Bradford and G. A. Stewart.

Tamar and S.S.—Lt. Irving, Lt. Clark and Lt. Ford, Lt. Wallace, Lt. Donaldson, Lt. Holland Martin and Sgt. Thatcher.

Club v. Cumberland
Club 23 points, Cumberland 0 points.

The Club had a runaway victory over the Cumberland. "B" meeting with very little opposition.

Ferguson (3), Hutchison, Peers and Walkden scored tries, McLeellan and Peers converting one try each.

The teams were:—
Club—J. J. Ferguson, R. H. Griffiths and J. Hutchison, H. C. Meekie, D. McLeellan, W. E. Peers and A. F. Falkden.

Cumberland "B"—Ck. Gilham, Mid. Reed and Sub. Lt. Mitchell, Mid. Sturdy, Lt. Emmanuel, Mid. Burk and A. B. Hoggard.

SHIP MASTER'S CLAIM FURTHER EVIDENCE CALLED Case May Conclude To-Day

The case in which Mr. Laurence Nelson Beer, of Marble Hall, is claiming \$1,355 from the Foo Hong Steamship Company was continued at Supreme Court yesterday before Mr. Justice MacGregor.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton is for the plaintiff and Mr. H. C. Sheldon instructed by Messrs. Deacons is for the defence.

Thomas Albert Ellis, Preventive Officer, and former Chief Officer of the Kaitangata when she went aground at Cambodia Point under the captaincy of claimant was the first witness called yesterday.

Mr. Sheldon:—You are here as a result of reading an account of this case in the newspapers?

Witness:—Yes.

The effect of Capt. Beer's evidence was that it was your fault and not his that the ship went aground?—Yes.

What is your story of the incident?—Immediately prior to the stranding, Capt. Beer laid a course which I pointed out to him was wrong. I said that according to the Admiralty Chart vessels were advised to keep at least 12 miles east of the lighthouse because of the shoaling waters. The course Capt. Beer had set was not far enough from the lighthouse. He tried to satisfy me by saying that during the middle watch he would get up and alter the course to a more southerly direction and would resume a course which would give a greater margin of safety. When I came on the bridge at 4 a.m. I assumed that this had been done and was satisfied to carry on this course.

I kept a look-out for land but did not see any and the ship grounded at 5.30 a.m. There was no bump—it just came to a standstill in the mud.

Mr. Sheldon:—Do you know if any complaint was made by Capt. Beer to Mr. Ramsay as to your competency on this voyage?—No. He gave me this Certificate of Discharge.

Principal's Evidence

The principal of the defendant firm, Mr. S. T. Williamson was next called.

Mr. Sheldon:—Capt. Beer has said he did not log officers because you had said you would have something to say about it in a threatening way?—It would be a ridiculous thing to say. I did not say it.

It is also suggested that there was talk between you and Mr. Kirby about conspiracy. Will you tell us about that?—Capt. Beer and Mr. Kirby did talk about a conspiracy themselves. I said there had been a great deal of trouble and misunderstanding for some time and that Capt. Beer had never had proper control over his officers as he should have done, and was useless as far as discipline was concerned. I asked Mr. Ramsay to go fully into the matter.

Unrecorded Rocks

Cross-examined, witness did not agree that the damage to the Kamo at Shanghai was more consistent with claimant's suggestion that a wreck was struck, than that the ship hit a rock near the Amherst group. He agreed that the rock showed 26 feet at low tide but said there might be others in the vicinity which did not show and were uncharted. Navigation survey was not all it should be in China and though the Yangtze estuary had been used for 100 years by European shipping it was possible there were still unrecorded rocks there.

Has it not been said that only two ships have ever got off the Amherst Rocks?—Yes.

And you would now add the Kamo?—Yes.

When did your opinion of the Captain change and you ceased to believe him?—Primarily after the Ocksew Island incident. I knew that all the officers could not be wrong. We could not satisfy him. They were "all drunkards or incompetent, according to him."

And some of them were (drunk)?—Yes. Some were and some were not.

Court of Enquiry

Did Capt. Beer ask for a Court of Enquiry to be held over the Ocksew Island affair?—It is untrue. If he had wanted a Court of Enquiry into it he could have had had one. He did not have to ask me and as the master of a ship he should know that.

You decided to reduce him after going into the matter with Mr. Ramsay?—Yes. He was inclined to accept it at first.

What was it for?—He knew what he had done.

Was it for running on the rocks?—Yes.

And you mention in your letter running on to the island?—Yes. He treated that matter very lightly.

ly. I think he was lucky in being offered a Chief Officer's job.

Witness identified photographs of the Haining on the rocks in January.

Mr. Sheldon:—What was the speed of the Haining when she struck?—She was doing 14 knots and with a tide of two knots.

And was her bottom torn out?—No. Only a few dents were made.

Mr. Macnamara strenuously objected to "this attempt to give expert evidence in a matter which should be left to the Nautical Assessor."

Mr. T. Ramsay, general manager of the Foo Hong Steamship Company next gave evidence. He was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Mr. Macnamara in the afternoon.

The case will be resumed this morning.

UNMANIFESTED CARGO Chinese Shippers Charged

The case against Lui Chiu Chiu, manager, Pau Tong, third comrade and Chan Shu-pui, second comrade on charges of attempting to export unmanifested cargo aboard the steamer Sandviken and with conspiracy was continued before Mr. S. F. Balfour at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The cargo consisted of one bag of British dyes, 27 bundles of elastic, two bags of fish maws, four woolen blankets, two bags of shark fins and 14 bags of artificial silk yarn.

The complainant was Mr. Stevenson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss appeared for the prosecution, Mr. P. H. Sin representing the first defendant, while the third defendant was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall. The second defendant was not legally represented.

Mr. Charles Stanley Archer, an officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs, told the Court that when a ship entered Chinese waters she must have on board a complete manifest of her cargoes. When a steamer arrived at her Chinese destination, she was to hand over the manifest to the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mr. Prentiss: Between here and Canton can you tell me the penalties to which a ship is liable in the event of cargo unmanifested?

Witness: If a ship enters Chinese waters with the manifest incomplete or forged, she is liable to a fine of \$750. If when she enters Canton, for instance, the manifest cargo was found to be incomplete, the ship is liable to a fine of \$1,500. In addition to this the cargo which was unmanifested will be seized and confiscated. In very serious cases where a considerable quantity of cargo was found to be unmanifested the ship will be seized together with her cargo.

Can you tell me what is the duty of a ship in Canton?—About \$1 a pound.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sin, witness said that a ship had only to present a manifest upon entering Chinese waters.

Mr. Sin: Would you regard this cargo as considerable, thus rendering the ship to be seized?

Witness: I am not prepared to say this. It is entirely in the hands of the Commissioner of the Customs. But I would consider the duty on this cargo as considerable. The revenue on silk alone amounts to about \$1,500.

In answer to Mr. Lo, witness said that he was not concerned with the completeness or incompleteness of a ship's manifest when she left Hong Kong.

Mr. Lo: Supposing if you board a ship and found the manifest in order you would naturally say "I am sorry" would you not?—No. I would say I am glad.

Would you ask them when they complete the manifest?—No. It would not interest us.

After further evidence had been given the case was adjourned.

"Y" WATER POLO WINS Large Scores In Consecutive Games

The European Y.M.C.A. Water-polo team secured the double yesterday evening when they defeated H.M.S. Adventure by 12 goals to nil in their first encounter, and defeated the Chung Sing Benevolent Society by 7 goals to nil in their second clash.

A. Schreuder, Campbell and Sutherland were the main goal scorers.



"N.S.D.A.P." Canton, photo taken at last meeting.

CANCER CURES BY NEW X-RAY METHOD Patient Saved From Certain Death

"Completely staggering" cures of patients suffering from cancer of the larynx—one of the most fatal forms of cancer—are reported to have been effected at Middlesex Hospital, London, by a new method of treatment.

In one case the specialist stated that without such treatment "it is absolutely certain that the patient would be dead to-day." After eight months he has entered to prove a permanent cure.

In another case a surgeon had operated without any satisfactory result, but the new process was tried and the patient is now perfectly well.

One eminent specialist declared that the success in this instance was "completely staggering."

Quite New

The new treatment is known as the "Protracted Fractional X-Ray method." It was discovered by Coutard, a former French doctor, and for ten years he has achieved remarkable results.

Dr. Douglas Webster, honorary radiologist at the Middlesex Hospital, has for some years been studying this method and was so impressed by the success attained that he determined to try it himself in the early part of last summer.

Coutard has hit upon something quite new, and we find that his claims are entirely and completely justified," said Dr. Webster. "An immensely increased hope—to put it no higher—can be held out to the victims of cancer of the larynx."

Under the old method the patient is given an intense dose on each side of the larynx for about ten minutes, but in no case has it proved permanent cure. The disease has always returned.

32 Permanent Cures

"During the last five or more years, Coutard has observed 77 cases, only eight of which were operable, and out of these 32 permanent cures have been effected."

Under his method the dose is not so intense, but is protracted, so that over the whole course the intensity is very high.

The patient is treated twice a day—once in the morning and once in the evening. It means that each patient takes up as much time and energy as was devoted to 20 patients treated by other methods.

The accumulative effect, however, is tremendous. One of the great advantages of the new method is that no damage is done to the skin or connective tissues.

The new process also opens out wide possibilities in the treatment of other forms of cancer.

"It may well be," that this new method will pave the way for a permanent cure of cancer in many forms."

MAN WHO INTRODUCED GAS WARFARE

The Soldiers' Incredulity

Prof. Haber was Germany's war gas expert, and was responsible for introducing gas warfare. His original idea was to use gas in shells. But although the military authorities seemed to have had no compunction over the use of gas they were incredulous of its efficacy.

Their natural resistance to a novel weapon is said to have been reinforced by the fact that Haber was a Jew. He could not obtain the necessary facilities to produce gas shells, and was driven back on the inferior idea of projecting it from cylinders.

In 1917 Haber produced the most effective of all chemical weapons—mustard gas, against which masks were little protection. This played a large part in paralyzing the British offensive at Passchendaele.

THE CONTROL OF CHINA Responsibility In Nanking

Not long ago Mr. Wang Ching-wel, head of the Executive at Nanking, said that "tired of all the turmoil of the past two decades the Chinese people are at the present moment engaged in quietly and persistently building up a unified State." That is exactly what the world would like to think is happening in China. But is it?

The Chinese people have no active share in the government of their country, and are without the power to build or rebuild, even if they had the requisite knowledge of building. Power for the present resides in a political party, pending the time when the people, after political tutelage, know enough of affairs to govern themselves, constitutionally or otherwise.

The Kuomintang is in the position of a Dictator with absolute powers. It is clear that what the Government of China has been doing has been the work of the Kuomintang and not the work of the people.

Revolution anywhere means that the revolutionaries take at least temporary control, and the Kuomintang has acted in accordance with historic precedent in assuming command. Whatever the sit-

less of the Nationalist Government, eat the fat and blood of a province, more populous than the whole of the British Isles. There is civil war in Sinkiang, Kansu is prostrate after war and famine, Shensi is in the same condition, plus a Communist complication. Yen Hsi-shan, in Shansi, and Han Fu-chu, in Shantung, are so independent that Nanking would hardly venture to interfere in their affairs. Chiang is headed by an appointee of Nanking, who is surrounded by northern commanders who owe nothing to Nanking. Honan and Hupeh both have Communist patches, and Hunan borders Kwangtung and Kwangsi, in which centres the opposition to Nanking.

Obviously there is no real national unity, as proved by the various civil struggles of the past few years and the recalcitrancy of some of the provinces. The failure to effect unity arises from the militarism which has been the prime consequence of the revolution of 1911. Policies of unification and reconstruction have not prospered. There are two principal reasons why the Kuomintang has not succeeded, one because the party it-



Gene Raymond and Lillian Harvey in "I Am Suzanne."

uation in China to-day, good or bad, the Kuomintang is responsible for it. Either the Kuomintang has been adequate in dealing with the conditions, or it has not been equal to task undertaken.

The Kuomintang policy as regards internal affairs has centred mainly on unification and reconstruction, unification having the object of making the country solid for the purpose of reconstructing the social and political life of the country on modern and practical lines. Given unity of purpose reconstruction is easy, but without unity the desired end is almost unattainable. And it is partly because the country has not been united that China has most unhappily failed to make any serious progress with reconstruction. The Kuomintang has managed to unite effectively only a very few provinces. Of those south of the Yangtze Kiang is ridden by the Communists, Fukien has just passed through a rebellion. Kwangtung and Kwangsi are virtually independent, far-away Yunnan and Kweichow manage their own affairs without reference to Nanking.

The Kuomintang might have sought, first to justify its assumption of power by evincing wisdom and moderation in its conduct of affairs, and, secondly, by diplomatic and placatory means to reconcile differences between the various conflicting interests. It has preferred, however, to try to centralize power in itself by military force. Results have been unsatisfactory because, while its armies generally have prevailed in the field, it has never been possible to disband the opposing forces and break up the provincial militarism. Chiang Kai-shek has been the active exponent of the centralizing policy designed to take away from the provincial militarists the power and the profitable opportunities which they have made for themselves. Hence the almost universal opposition to him.

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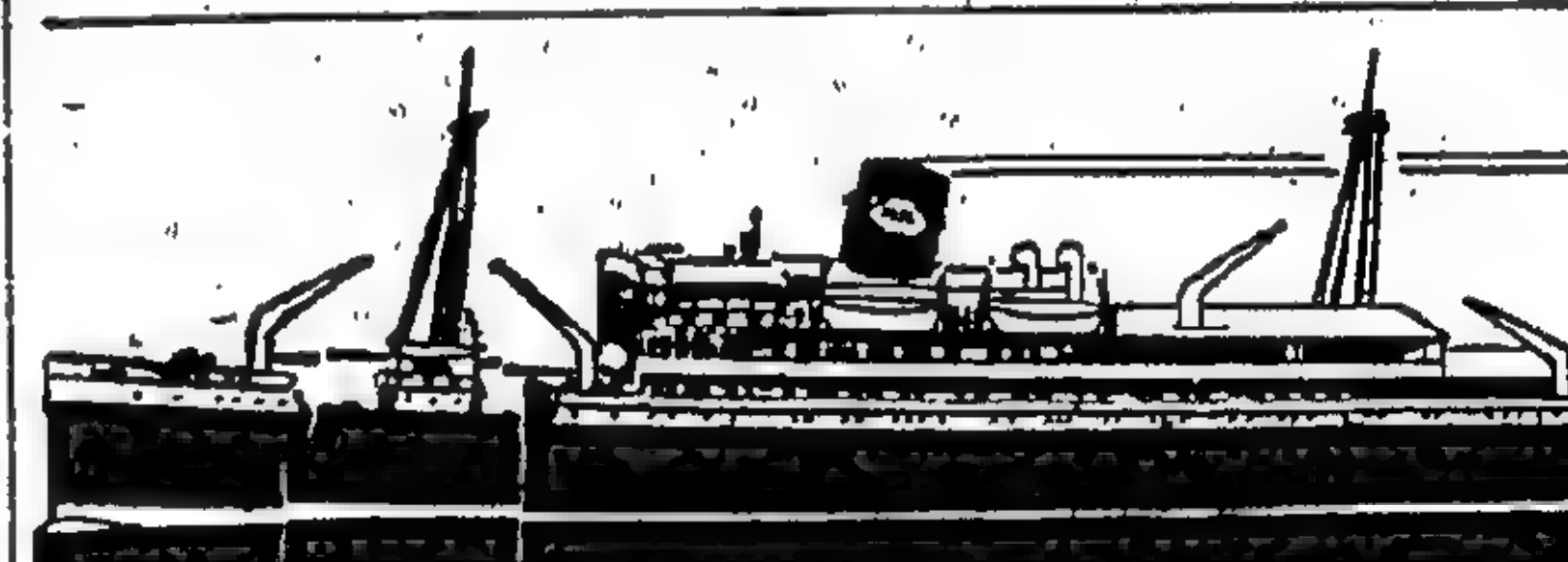
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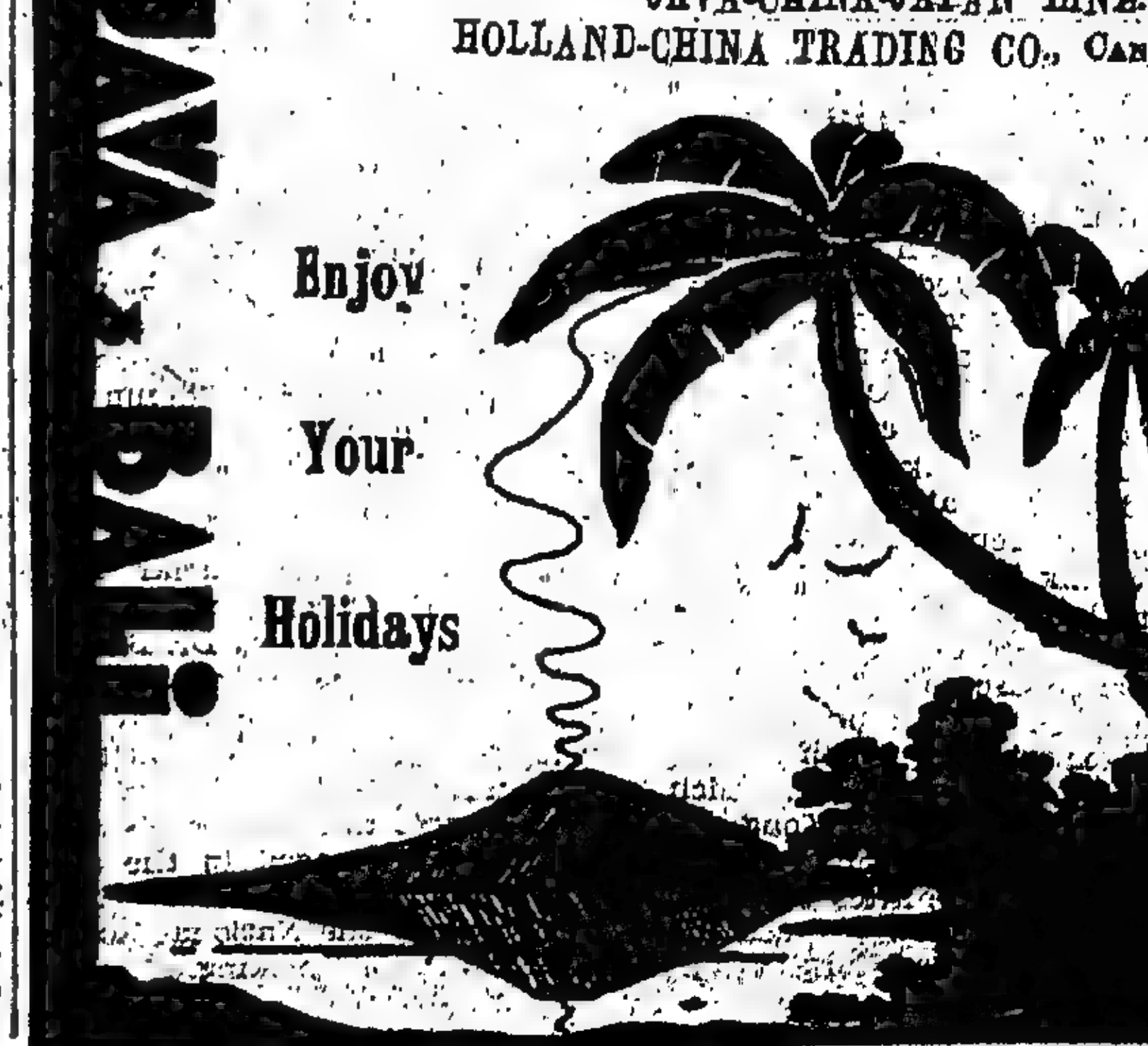
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Conference To Be Held To-Day

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Canton, March 14.
The long heralded silk conference will be held to-morrow aboard the Hong Kong-Canton river steamer Tung On or Sai On at 130 p.m. and will be attended by Dr. Mari Benito, the silk expert attached to the National Economic Council, and representatives from the Raw Silk Testing Bureau, Sun Yat Sen University, the Chung Hoi Agricultural School, and the Silk Improvement Bureau.

For the convenience of the Italian silk expert, the meeting is to be held on board the ship which will take him to Hong Kong en route to Shanghai. The meeting will come to a close after 4 o'clock, as the steamer is scheduled to leave at 4.30 p.m. for Hong Kong.

OPEN MARKET FOR COPPER

Opposed By F. H. Brownell

Washington, Mar. 14.

Mr. F. H. Brownell of the American Smelting Refining Company, in opposing before the National Recovery Board the free open market for copper, asserted by way of illustration that speculators in New York hold 175 million ounces of silver is readiness to dump on the market if silver is remonetized.—Reuter.

Officials of the Provincial Department of Reconstruction had sought the assistance of Dr. Benito in approaching the National Economic Council for \$20,000,000 for the development of the silk industry of Kwangtung. On his part, the foreign expert will exchange views with officials engaged in the silk industry and will present his and their views to the National Economic Council at Nanking.

VICTORIA DIOCESAN AND MISSIONARY ASSO.

BISHOP HALL ON CLUMSINESS OF ANGLICAN FEDERATION

Anglican Communion A Very Great And Daring Experiment

In comparison with these organized societies (the Roman Catholic Church and the Communist Movement) our Anglican Federation has something of the clumsiness of a jelly fish. It has no central control. Lambeth has no leadership which can be compared either with Rome or Moscow. The Archbishop of Canterbury is merely chairman of the family, the elder brother as it were in a band of brothers. Thus remarking Bishop Hall at the annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association, which was held at St. John's Cathedral Hall last evening.

Referring to the Anglican Communion, Bishop Hall said that for all its suggestion of respectability it was a very great and daring experiment. Plain Contact, liaison, understanding and mutual aid between the brothers were of the most vital importance if the Communion was to continue as a band of brothers.

Bishop's Speech.

Addressing the meeting Bishop Hall said:—You can imagine that this has been a year of intense interest for me. I have visited all the different places of work in the diocese. I have seen the wonderful and varied beauty of South China under the best and the worst conditions. I have had the joy of worshipping with the poorest peasants, with leading provincial officials, and many comfortably settled merchants in the large cities. I have also had to attend the House of Bishops in Peking; and was able to fit in with that a three weeks Conference at Kuling, with some of the most brilliant of young Chinese Christian leaders, on the production of Christian literature.

I wish to mention three things of the many which have given me very great joy during this year.

The first was a letter received only yesterday from a Chinese Pastor who is in charge of our church in Kong Moon explaining the work which he has done with the Pastor at Shekai and the Pastor at Tsang Shing during this year. They have on their own initiative banded themselves together as an evangelistic team, and have visited many centres together with very encouraging results. You will I am sure appreciate the significance of this letter. It means the Chinese Pastors, in spite of their heavy responsibilities for existing congregations, are not forgetful of their fellow countrymen who still wait for the full knowledge of God in Jesus Christ.

The second thing which has been tremendously cheering has been the obvious capacity of the Chinese Church to grow by its own momentum. Church members are bringing in steadily husbands, mothers, cousins, friends. This was particularly noticeable in the New Year preaching in Hong Kong and Canton this year. In addition to the well attended public meetings many relatives and friends were drawn to the evangelistic meetings held in Church Halls and are now under instruction preparing for baptism.

The third thing has been the continued interest of British Christians in their Sister Church of China. This was particularly marked by the very generous gift of shares bringing in an income of \$400 a year which we received this summer. (This gift, you remember, has been allotted at the donor's request for the endowment of the Yunnan pastorate). The sale of work organized by the Chinese Churches in December brought in over \$3,500, to which total many British Christian folk contributed.

Significance of Work.

But I feel to-day that I must speak rather of the significance of this meeting and of the V.D.M.A. as an organization rather than detailed successes or failures here or there. What is the significance of the existence of this Cathedral and other Churches in Hongkong? What is the significance of the existence of a Chinese Church which has already eleven dioceses and six Assistant Chinese Bishops? And this April in Wuhu we are to form a twelfth Diocese, the Diocese of Shansi, and elect a Chinese presbyter as the first Bishop of the New Diocese.

The Roman Church.

I am going to ask you to look at two similar world organizations. There is, first of all, the Roman Catholic Church. Their organization is, as you know, a triumph in efficiency. It is secured by the strong central control organized in Rome, and by the magnificent discipline and self-sacrifice of the various Brotherhoods, of which perhaps the Jesuits and the Franciscans are the best known. Their efficiency is also secured by the high ideal of celibacy which is required of all priests, and of those women who give themselves to the work of the Church in Sisterhoods. No one who lives for long in Hongkong can fail to be impressed by the significance of this world-wide Christian movement, in which French, English, Italian, Irish, American, Portuguese, and so on can all share Sunday by Sunday in the same worship because an international language is used in worship and in instruction for priests. To those who complain that our Church of England organization is second rate in comparison I would ask this question: "Are you prepared to pay the price of the discipline enforced with such tremendous heroism and devotion in the Roman Church?"

The Communist Movement.

The second world wide organization which is parallel to our own is the Communist movement. It has a strong sense of discipline and devotion to its cause. It has in Moscow a Vatican of its own; and in its leader you have something approaching the infallibility of the Holy Father of the Roman Church. The Communist movement has also a creed in which it believes with extraordinary passion and conviction. That creed asserts that there is no God. Man can therefore make the world and Society what Man wills it to be. A communist for this reason believes in violence, and uses it. He holds that it is right to take the sword for the sake of that which the sword will secure, and is prepared to accept the fate of those who take the sword.

The Anglican Federation.

In comparison with these tightly organized societies our Anglican Federation has something of the clumsiness of a jelly fish. It has no central control. The Province of York, the Province of Canterbury, the Province of the United States, the Linked Provinces of Australia, the Province of South Africa, the Province of India, Burma and Ceylon, as well as the Province of Scotland, the Province of Ireland, the Province of Wales, the Province of Japan, and the Province of China which we call the "Chung Hua Sheng King Hui" are all linked together like a chain. We are a band of brothers going forward together. Every ten years every Bishop of the Anglican Communion is invited to Lambeth. But Lambeth has no leadership or authority which can be compared either with Rome or Moscow. The Archbishop of Canterbury is merely Chairman of the family, the elder brother as it were in a band of brothers.

The Church of England here in Hongkong. The Cathedral, St. Andrew's, and Kowloon Tong Anglican Church, are part of the Province of Canterbury. When I act as your Bishop my Chairman is the Archbishop of Canterbury. But the Chinese Churches in Hongkong are part of the Province of China when I act as their Bishop, Bishop Morris of Peking is my Chairman. You will see, therefore, that our Association here of the V.D.M.A. is an enormously important link between the English link in the chain and the Chinese link in the chain. Our importance is all the greater because if the Anglican Communion is to continue as a band of brothers plainly contact, liaison, understanding, mutual aid between the brothers is of the most vital importance.

Middle or Daring.

The Anglican Communion for all its suggestion of respectability is a very great and daring experiment. I know many of my Roman brothers would say, "Fools step in where angels fear to tread." They would say we are so stupid that we cannot see how hopeless it is to expect any really effective work from an organization so loosely linked. Our Communist friends on the other hand regard us as superstitious diehards, who will disappear like mist before the vigorous sun of Marican Materialism.

But myself a foggy minded Englishman, I believe very passionately that our organization is the only possible way in which our faith can find a suitable expression. For we depend on the leadership of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of His spirit; and we must express that fundamental equality and respect for each other which is the basis of brotherhood and that neighborliness of love which is Our Lord's commandment.

Communism or Christ.

What I want you to understand and appreciate is the terrific significance of the work of Christ in China. The Chinese are presented with two ideals and one acquiescence. The ideals are Communism on the one hand and Christianity on the other. The acquiescence is simply accepting the strange medley of words, endeavour, and often corruption, which ordinary political and commercial life presents day by day in Chinese cities or country areas. Political idealism is at a discount in China. It has failed to carry men through the difficulties and temptations of office. We Christians are not surprised at this. We know that Men are made for God, and can only live in His power. The Chinese too are made by God and, for God, they can only live and develop in His power. Hongkong has rendered inestimable benefits to China by its trade. But surely we can give no greater gift to this great brother nation than to help them in their own way, under the leadership now of their own Pastors, and with such missionaries as they may ask from us, to find in Jesus Christ the very heart of that Father who is at once Our Maker and Our Friend.

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A resolution that the Annual subscription to the V.D.M.A. be increased from \$2 to \$5 per annum commencing with the year 1935, was, on the proposal of a representative of the St. Andrew's group, amended to \$3. The amendment was carried.

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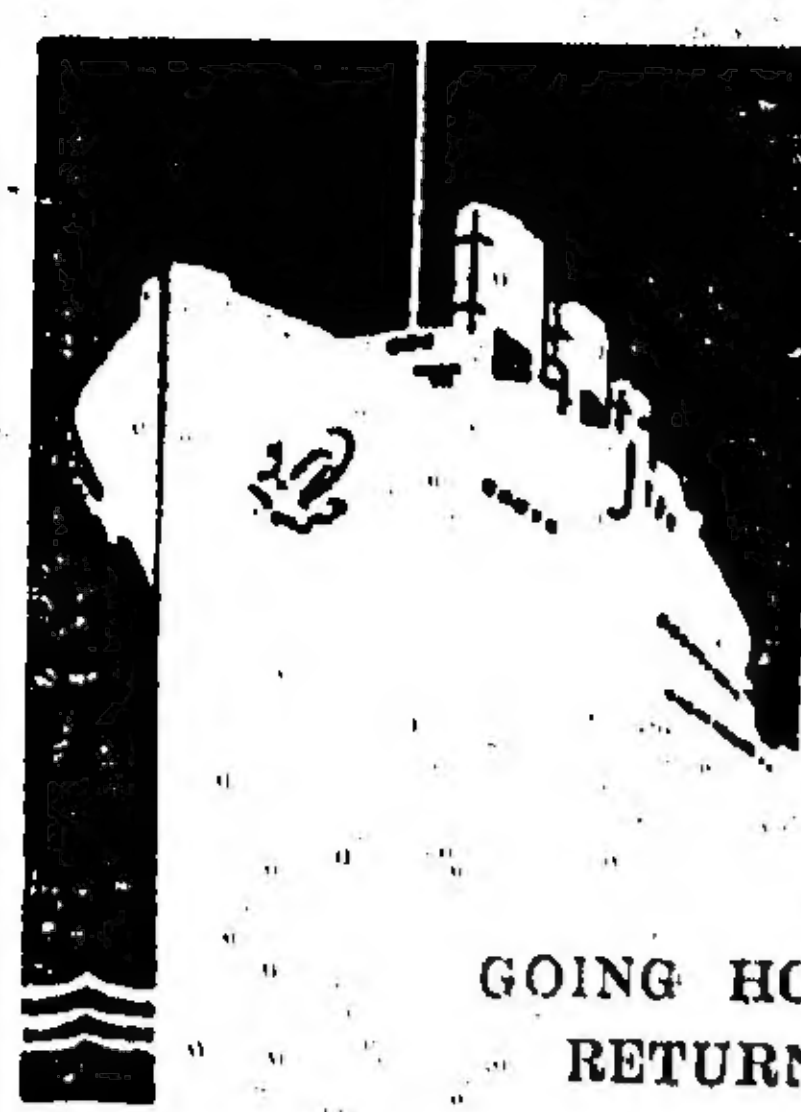
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HIKAWA MARU ... (Starts from Kobe) Saturday, 24th Mar.
HIYE MARU ... (Starts from Kobe) Saturday, 7th Apr.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM

YASUKUNI MARU ... Friday, 16th Mar.
HAKONE MARU ... Saturday, 31st Mar.
SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 14th Apr.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila and Ports.

ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 24th Mar.
KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 28th Apr.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

TOTTORI MARU ... Thursday, 29th Mar.
NAGATO MARU ... Friday, 6th Apr.
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Apr.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

RAKUYO MARU ... Monday, 10th Apr.

NEW YORK via Panama.

LISBON MARU ... Saturday, 17th Mar.
TOBA MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Apr.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, Genoa and Valencia.

LIMA MARU ... Monday, 16th Apr.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

MALACCA MARU ... Thursday, 15th Mar.
BENGAL MARU ... Thursday, 29th Mar.
YAMAGATA MARU ... Sunday, 8th Apr.

SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.

FUSHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 17th Mar.
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FELIX ROUSSEL ... 27th Mar.
PORTHOS ... 10th April
CHENONCEAUX ... 24th April
D'ARTAGNAN ... 8th May
ATHOS II ... 22nd May
ARABIS ... 5th June

PORTHOS ... 26th Mar.
CHENONCEAUX ... 8th April
D'ARTAGNAN ... 22nd April
ATHOS II ... 8th May
ARABIS ... 18th May
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 13,040 TONS
THROUGH CARGO
16,250 TONS

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

British	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports
Lycaon	Singapore 1,040	3,487
Apocry	Saloon 2,205	—
Kwangchow	Swatow 323	—
Kayling	Holhow 1,360	—
Yochow	Holhow 1,300	300
Tsinan	Canton —	780
Sul Yang	Canton —	850
Hop Sang	Canton —	130
Dutch	—	6,533
Cremer	Singapore 900	4,454
German	—	900
Trier	Shanghai 75	1,043
French	—	75
Andre Lebon	Shanghai —	835
Norwegian	—	—
Hydra II	Bangkok 1,850	—
Helios	Swatow 820	—
Prosper	Saloon 2,230	—
Japanese	—	4,700
Celebes Maru	Singapore 703	4,371
Rokko Maru	Sea Fishing 60	—
Tamayo Maru	Sea Fishing 69	—
Total	—	13,040
		16,250

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Lycaon (Br.)	Singapore	119
Apocry (Br.)	Saloon	12
Kwangchow (Br.)	Swatow	55
Kayling (Br.)	Holhow	3
Yochow (Br.)	Holhow	288
Tsinan (Br.)	Canton	175
Sul Yang (Br.)	Canton	42
Cremer (Dut.)	Singapore	898
Andre Lebon (Fr.)	Shanghai	28
Helios (Nor.)	Swatow	119
Prosper (Nor.)	Saloon	259
Total	—	1,978

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	3
American	1	1
Dutch	1	1
German	1	2
French	1	3
Norwegian	3	1
Japanese	3	3
Chinese	0	2
Total	18	16

DEPARTURES

Passengers departed from Hong Kong for United Kingdom via ports per s.s. "Patroclus" yesterday were:—Mr. J.H. Addis, Mr. & Mrs. W. Anderson, Captain L.R. Baitye, Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Bell, Mr. K.N. Black, Mr. W. Bond, Miss E. Bond, Mr. & Mrs. J. Bulloch, Dr. & Mrs. J.B. Ferreira da Silva, Miss N. Ferreira da Silva, Master J. Ferreira da Silva, Mrs. G.F. Gardner, Miss P. Gardner, Miss D.P. Geen, Mr. & Mrs. F. Goodwin, Miss B. Goodwin, Master F.W. Goodwin, Mrs. H.G. Hone, Mrs. Hedley, Mr. & Mrs. J.F. James, Miss D. James, Miss G. James, Master F. James, Miss J. James, Miss H. James, Miss Amelia Lee, Mr. W.H. Lait, Mr. & Mrs. A.H. McBride, Miss McBride, Mr. & Mrs. N. Matheson, Mr. L.A. Macfarlane, Mrs. M.M. Millar, Mrs. M.F. Milne-Horne, Miss J.K. Milne-Horne, Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Moyler, Master A. Moyler, Miss A. Parkes, Mrs. R.S. Pratt, Mr. T.E. Robson, Mrs. A. Ritchie, Master K.W. Ritchie, Mr. & Mrs. B.S. Stephenson, Mr. & Mrs. C.D. Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. H. West, Miss B. West, Mr. I.M. Wright.

CLEARANCES

March 14.
Anshun, for Amoy.
Yuen Sang, for Swatow.
Sul Yang, for Swatow.
Cremer, for Swatow.
Celebes Maru, for Kobe.
Kwangchow, for Canton.
Tsinau, for Shanghai.
Patroclus, for Singapore.
Lycaon, for Shanghai.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

Wharves.
Kowloon:—Lurline, Cremer, Celebes Maru.
Holt's:—Lycaon, City of Bagdad, Jardine Matheson's—Hop Sang, Quarry Bay—Kanchow.

Docks.
Kowloon:—Yat Shing, Haroldswang, Hatching, Tin Yat, Sul An, Engadine.
Talkoo:—H.M.S. Proteus, King Yuen, Rhexenor, Tsinau, Sunning, Tchekam, Wing Wo.

Buoys.
No. A2—Patroclus.
No. A11—Miharu Maru.
No. B2—Yuen Sang.
No. B3—Kwangchow.
No. B4—Lyceemoo.
No. B5—Havdrot.
No. B6—Apocry.
No. B8—Hop Sang.
No. B9—Helios.
No. B10—Hydra II.
No. B15—Kayling.
No. B18—Michael Jebben.
No. B17—Kwangtung.
No. B20—Sul Yang.
No. B21—Tsinau.
No. B22—Hin Sang.
No. B26—Tinhow.
No. B27—Nankoh Maru.
No. C1—Prosper.
No. C7—Tung Chung.

IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—
Pronto, Tjssondart, Nankoh Maru, Hupeh, Stechuon, Fushimi Maru, Kronviken, Atax, Kwangtung, Anshun, Ardent, Empress of

ARRIVALS

March 14.
Miharu Maru, Japanese str., 2,974 tons, Captain Kawaguchi, from Milke, buoy No. A11.—M.B.K.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain D. D. Richards, from Swatow, buoy No. B17.—B. & S.
Patroclus, British str., 8,910 tons, Captain W. Maclure, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—B. & S.
Tung Cheng, Chinese str., 1,219 tons, Captain M. S. Plaskin, from Sandakan, buoy No. C7.—Moving & Co. (Agent): Thoresen & Co.
Hydra II, Norwegian str., 823 tons, Captain L. Roed, from Bangkok, buoy No. B10.—Thoresen & Co.
Hop Sang, British str., 1,359 tons, Captain D. S. Peithick, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—J.M. & Co.
Sul Yang, British str., 1,596 tons, Captain J. M. Byrne, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Tsinau, British str., 2,100 tons, Captain C. H. Jones, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

March 13.

Yochow, British str., 1,638 tons, Captain A. F. Summerfield, from Holhow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Kayling, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain J. D. Fraser, from Holhow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Kwangchow, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain C. P. Miller, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Lycaon, British str., 4,821 tons, Captain A. F. Gow, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Cremer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Captain G. J. Meppellink, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J. Line.
Lurline, American str., 10,559 tons, Captain C. A. Berndson, from San Francisco, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar Line.

Celebes Maru Japanese str., 4,258 tons, Captain S. Shimozaki, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Helios, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Captain W. Hannevig, from Swatow, buoy No. B9.—Thoresen & Co.
City of Bagdad, British str., 4,713 tons, Captain J. Finster, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Agatha, Dutch str., 1,639 tons, Captain H. Bosman, from Balikpapan, North Point.—A.P.C.

H.M. aircraft carrier, Eagle and the attendant Destroyer Wren are expected to arrive back in Hong Kong to-morrow morning from Manila. They will be in time to take part in the searchlight display on Saturday night.

H.M.S. Kent, which is returning to the United Kingdom for refit and re-commissioning for further service on the China Station, is expected to arrive at Gibraltar to-day en route.

Russia, Likin, Hai Yang, Anking, General Sherman, Unkal Maru No. 3, Tilawa, Yasukuni Maru, Pres, Coolidge.

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"ALIFORE"	5,360	18th Mar.	S'pore, Pang, Colombo & B'bay.
"CHITRAL"	10,000	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"BURDWAN"	6,000	31st Mar.	Bombay, Mars, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
"RANCHI"	17,000	7th April	Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,300	14th April	S'pore, Pang, Colombo & B'bay.
"CARTHAGE"	15,000	21st April	Marseilles and London.
"SOMALI"	6,000	28th April	Bombay, Mars, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
"NALDERA"	16,000	5th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"CORFU"	15,000	12th May	do.
"BANGALORE"	6,000	19th May	B'bay, Mars, Havre, London, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
"MANTUA"	11,000	2nd June	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	16th June	Bombay, Mars, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
"BHUTAN"	6,000	23rd June	do.
"KALAM-I-HIND"	12,000	30th June	Bombay, Mars, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
"BEHAR"	6,000	7th July	Bombay, Mars, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	14th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"SOUDAN"	6,700	21st July	Bombay, Mars, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TILAWA"	10,000	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SANTHA"	8,000	1st April	do.
"TAKADA"	7,000	15th April	do.
"SIRDHANA"	8,000	29th April	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	13th May	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"NANKIN"	7,000	30th Mar.	Manila, Babel, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"NELLURE"	7,000	14th May	do.
"TANDA"	7,000	2nd June	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SOMALI"	6,000	21st Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"CARTHAGE"	15,000	28th Mar.	do.
"TAKADA"	7,000	29th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"NALDERA"	16,000	5th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLURE"	7,000	6th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"SIRDHANA"	8,000	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BANGALORE"	6,000	18th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"CORFU"	15,000	19th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	20th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MANTUA"	11,000	3rd May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	4th May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TANDA"	7,000	6th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"BHUTAN"	6,000	13th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	17th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BEHAR"	6,000	30th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALAM-I-HIND"	12,000	31st May	do.
"NANKIN"	7,000	3rd June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SOUDAN"	6,700	12th June	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	14th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BHUTAN"	6,000	21st June	do.
"BURDWAN"	6,000	21st July	do.

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